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R.A.F. Bombers Upset Nazi Invasion Plans

Attack On Vital Railway Junctions

Brussels' Yards Bombed Causing Serious Explosions And Fires

LONDON, Sept. 13.

R.A.F. Bombers on Thursday night continued to harry German invasion plans and struck at a network of vital military junctions and goods yards in Western Germany despite weather described by pilots as "generally foul", states the Air Ministry News Service.

The yards which include some of the largest and most elaborate in Europe must play an important part in any attempted invasion of Britain.

It was before 10 p.m. that the first raider dropped heavy bombs and incendiaries on the Hamm yard At the Ehrang yards, heavy bombs burst along a line of trucks causing several explosions and fires.

At Osnabruck the raiders started ten large fires in the yards. At the Essen yards, heavy bombs were dropped on railway sidings.

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TEN FIRES STARTED

At Osnabruck two bombers flew through a dense cloud and attacking from various heights the raiders started ten large fires in the yards. At the Essen yards heavy bombs were dropped on railway sidings and the rear-gunner of one aircraft saw flashes of explosions among a tangle of sidings and switches. The Schwerte marshalling yards and sidings at Emmerich were also attacked.

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EMDEN DOCKS BOMBED

Another section of raiders meanwhile visited Emden and bombed docks and petroleum sheds on the west side of Altebinnen Often. The attack went on for one hour. Several large fires which threw out a thick black smoke started in the petroleum sheds and quay and a barge were hit.

One pilot said: "We got direct hits on one of the dock buildings and presumably an ammunition dump as there were large fires and tremendous explosions which were still going off as we headed out to sea again.—Reuter.

BRITISH BOMBERS TAKE OFFENSIVE

German Oil Stores And Docks Raided

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Coastal Command air-craft yesterday attacked shipping off Havre. An enemy tanker and a supply-ship were hit, states an Air Ministry communique. Last night Bomber Command aircraft attacked oil stores, shipping and the dock at Emden, also docks at Flushing where several large fires and explosions were observed. Another force of aircraft bombed key distribution centres at Osnabrueck, Hamm, Schwerte Ehrang and Brussels, also several enemy aerodromes and the Norderney seaplane base. All our aircraft returned safely. An enemy bomber fouled a balloon barrage cable early this morning and was destroyed.—Reuter.

BR. ROYALTY'S PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE

Buckingham Palace Bombed

DELIBERATE ATTACK BY NAZI RAIDERS

ROYAL CHAPEL COMPLETELY WRECKED

LONDON, Sept. 13.

More bombs were dropped on Buckingham Palace this morning. Their Majesties the King and Queen who were in the palace at the time are unharmed.

It is understood that five bombs were dropped on Buckingham Palace. Two fell in the inner quadrangle and a third hit the private chapel and two fell on the road between the palace and the Victoria Memorial.

TROOPS RUSH TO PUT OUT FIRES

A twin-engined plane appeared over the Buckingham Palace. Then came the whistle of bombs and explosions were heard in rapid succession. Pieces of stone masonry fell in a nearby road and passers-by scrambled for shelter. Inside the palace the King and Queen were in shelter and members of the staff had also sheltered.

One of the bombs completely wrecked the royal chapel which is in the south wing of the Palace close to the Ambassadors' entrance. Two bombs which fell in the quadrangle made large craters. A water main burst and threw up a large cascade of water and many palace windows were broken. Three members of the staff whose shelter was close to the wrecked chapel sustained slight injuries. Troops from Wellington Barracks rushed to the scene and with policemen and the park keepers put out the fires which broke out close to the palace after incendiary bombs were dropped. Their Majesties afterwards walked through the cellars of the palace and talked with members of their staff.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "Following last night's ineffective attacks in which bombs were dropped in London at random through heavy clouds a small number of enemy aircraft bombed a number of conspicuous buildings in various parts of London irrespective of their nature. It is feared that the enemy succeeded in killing and injuring a number of civilians. The Buckingham palace was attacked several bombs falling within the precincts, one of which damaged the palace chapel. Their Majesties were in residence but fortunately escaped injuries. Three members of the staff of the palace were injured. Incendiary bombs also fell in Downing Street but did no damage."

DELIBERATE ATTACK

A "Spotter" on a nearby building said that the plane came out of the clouds right over the palace. "I was petrified as I saw five bombs coming down towards the palace. It was not indiscriminate bombing. It was a definite attack."

As soon as the all-clear sounded the King and Queen returned to their apartments and shortly afterwards left the palace on a tour which had been arranged yesterday. As they left the palace both the King and Queen appeared quite unshaken by their experience.—Reuter.

King's Reply To War Cabinet's Congratulations

LONDON, Sept. 13.

The War Cabinet telegraphed to King congratulating Their Majesties on their providential escape from the barbarous attack made on their home and royal persons.

The King replied to the Prime Minister: "The Queen and I are so grateful to the War Cabinet for their kind message. Like so many other people we now had a personal experience of German barbarity which only strengthens the resolution of all of us to fight through to final victory."—Reuter

BRITAIN'S NEW NIGHT DEFENCE TACTICS TELL

LONDON, September 13.

(11 a.m. G. M. T.) Two air raid alarms since dawn to-day—the second of which is still in progress—represent the first morning visitations since last Saturday.

From Sunday onwards, writes Reuter's air correspondent, the Luftwaffe confined its attacks as well as reconnaissance operations to the afternoon and evening. No doubt, he adds, this was done to cut down losses. The decision to take advantage of the hours of daylight coincides with whipping up of the invasion fever now that the time element enters as a vital factor. It also follows, and significantly, upon the failure of terror raiders for the second night in succession to gain uninterrupted entry into London.

Once again last night, enemy bombers flinched before the surprising intensity and accuracy of the anti-aircraft barrage. Again raiders were puzzled by the almost entire absence of white searchlight beams. The new predictor system enables a box barrage to be thrown up whenever a terror raider appears. The efficacy of both the prediction and its shattering effect is capable of improvement.

NEW TACTICS

The secret of the central feature of the new night defence scheme that Britain has discovered remains a secret, but Reuter's air correspondent adds, "if what I hear is true, this defence may be capable of development to a point where whenever weather conditions permit, this new anti-aircraft night barrage can work in unison with fighters. When that happens, the problem of successful night interception will be almost solved.—Reuter.

Four Enemy Fighters Destroyed

LONDON, Sept. 12.

(Delayed in Transmission).

Coastal Command Blenheims raided an enemy convoy off Calais, dropped 4,000 pounds of bombs and machinegunned escorting E-Boats. Four enemy fighters were destroyed.—Reuter.

London's 3 Air Raids

Many Fires, But Few Casualties

LIVE BOMB IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH-YARD

LONDON, Sept. 13.

The third air-raid warning was sounded in the London area at 2-55 p.m. (G.M.T.) A few minutes after the sirens had sounded, a burst of machine-gun fire was heard from the air. The all-clear was sounded at 3-13 p.m.

NO MORE MASS ATTACKS.

To-day's raids were carried out by enemy planes operating singly and in small numbers. It is stated authoritatively that in the first raid but a few machines reached London and in the second, taking advantage of heavy clouds, the number is estimated at fifteen to twenty.

500-POUND LIVE BOMB.

About five bombs are understood to have fallen in the vicinity of Saint Paul's Cathedral. Two were discovered in a street nearby, and one of these which partly buried itself in the Dean's Court next to the churchyard is believed to be a five-hundred pound light explosive. This bomb is causing the chief concern. If it does explode, it is feared that serious damage might be done to the fabric of the Cathedral.

ANOTHER HOSPITAL HIT

Just before the all clear in the second warning a lone raider dropped three bombs in London near a hospital, a nurse's home and many houses. Two people were injured. Eight people in another road were injured by a bomb which damaged six houses and a public library.

Several hundred employees of two London firms a bakery and a laundry—which received direct hits in the second air raid escaped without serious casualties They had taken refuge in shelters which were not damaged although the main buildings were partially demolished.

LONE RAIDERS DIVES THROUGH CLOUDS.

During the third air-raid warning a plane was heard to dive over London with its engines cut out and after zooming upwards it released high explosive and incendiary bombs which set fire to premises. Scores of pedestrians fell full length on the roadway and the pavement while others raced for shelter.

Five bombs were dropped by a single German raider which dived suddenly through low clouds and attacked one south-east town during the morning. One bomb fell directly on the centre of a road bursting the gas main but the flames were extinguished. Incendiary bombs started over twelve fires which were quickly put out.

A lone raider dropped a stick of twelve bombs across the centre of another south-east coast town this evening. Hitherto only one person is reported to be killed but a number have been injured. As a result of the night's raid on a north-east town seven deaths are hitherto reported.

On African Front

CAIRO, Sept. 13.

A communique states "In Egypt, the thickening up of the enemy's defence west of the frontier is continuing. Beyond the usual raid on Matruh, air activity was slight.

It is now confirmed that one enemy aircraft was brought down by anti-aircraft fire on the night of September 10.

On other fronts, there are no operations to report.—Reuter.

Should Satyagraha Be Started?

No Decision Yet

Gandhiji Addresses Working Committee

BOMBAY, Friday.

The question whether a campaign of Satyagraha be started and if so on which issue is understood to have formed the main subject of discussion at the meeting of the Congress Working Committee which commenced its sitting at Birla House on Friday.

Mahatma Gandhi was present during the major part of the discussions.

GANDHIJI'S LEADERSHIP

Although no decisions appear to have been reached, it is understood that the discussions proceeded on the assumption that Gandhiji would again accept active leadership of the Congress. Though it may be presumed that the decision regarding the opportune moment for launching any campaign will be left to the judgment of the Mahatma, it is understood that Gandhiji invited the members of the Committee to express their opinions as to whether Satyagraha should be started and, if so, the specific issue on which the campaign should be launched.

It will be remembered that owing to differences between the Congress Working Committee, and Gandhiji the Committee had absolved Gandhiji from responsibility for any action taken by it. But if a struggle is to be launched it is inevitable that Gandhiji will have again to assume responsibility for it.

MAHATMA'S CONDITIONS.

This question, it is understood, was informally discussed after the last meeting of the Working Committee at Wardha. It is gathered that these discussions have disclosed that the conditions under which Mahatma Gandhi will agree to accept the leadership of the Congress are such as can be acceded to by the Working Committee.

MAHATMA HAS OPEN MIND.

Informal discussions took place between some of the Congress leaders in Bombay this morning.

It would appear that Mahatma Gandhi has still an open mind both about the advisability of launching a struggle immediately and about his willingness to accept responsibility for it.

When the Working Committee assembled in the afternoon, it is understood that such of the members as were not present in Bombay earlier were informed of the nature of the discussions which took place during the informal talks on Thursday and Friday morning.

It is learnt that some members including Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, Dr. Mahomed and Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant placed their views before the Committee. Towards the end Mahatma Gandhi is also understood to have expressed his views on the subject.

After nearly six hours' discussion, the Committee adjourned till 8 a. m. on Saturday (to-day).

The following members of the Working Committee were present:—Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mr. Shankerrao Deo, Dr. Syed Mahmud, Mr. Asaf Ali, Acharya J. B. Kripalani and Dr. P. C. Ghose.

Babu Rajendra Prasad, and Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj were absent.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramaya and Mrs. Pandit attended by special invitation.

Among those who arrived in Bombay to-day to attend the Committee meeting were Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Mr. Asaf Ali, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. Prafulla Ghosh, Mr. Shankerrao Deo and Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant.

Mahatma Gandhi.

Turkish Steamer Held Up By Italy

ISTANBUL, Sept. 13.

The Turkish cargo steamer "Sakarya" (2,600 tons) is reported to have been stopped by Italian warships and detained at the Island of Leros.

It is understood that the Turkish Foreign Ministry is making pressing 'demarches' to the Italian government for immediate release of the steamer and the cargo of salt.—Reuter.

FRENCH WARSHIPS' SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 13.

British naval authorities have confirmed the news that three French cruisers and three French destroyers passed Gibraltar on September 11 sailing from East to West. Their destination is not known.—Reuter.

EMBARGO ON AIR-CRAFT DESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.

President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation forbidding the sale to foreign purchasers of plans and designs for aircraft construction and aero-engines, except under specific licence from the United States Government. A similar embargo has also been applied to equipment used in the manufacture of petrol and plans for its construction.—Reuter.

SYRIA TO HELP DE GAULLE

Frenchmen Refuse To Comply With Italian Demands

CAIRO, September 13.

There is strong evidence to be found in Syria that Frenchmen there are growing more and more desirous of rallying to General de Gaulle, according to trustworthy information from Syria which has reached 'Reuter' here. This morning sentiment is attributed firstly to the great bravery shown in Britain in the face of the German air-raids and secondly to the rallying of French Equatorial African colonies.

ITALIANS GET COLD RECEPTION

Although the Press is muzzled, Frenchmen in Syria manage to obtain news from outside and in many sections there are signs of disgust at the Petain Government. It is stated that the first party of Italian military experts are now being reinforced by civilians and air force experts. It is furthermore believed that a German Mission has now reached Ankara on its way to Syria. The reception accorded to the Italian mission is apparently very cold.

"AT BOILING POINT"

Feelings are daily becoming more hostile towards Italy, Frenchmen are reported to be flatly refusing to comply with the Italian demands, the major one being the immediate handing over of air bases. Other Italian requests are believed to include control of railways and surrender of a number of submarines lying in Beyrouth harbour. The situation in Syria is summed up as being "like a pot at the boiling point".

One of two courses of action seems possible—firstly a sudden coup by the De Gaulle elements and secondly a period of passive resistance. The second course would mean that the French would not allow themselves to be disarmed but would stay out, waiting for any military attempt in the country—when they would fight.—Reuter.

"CONTRARY TO HUMAN PRINCIPLES"

Arab Papers Condemn Italian Attack On Jewish City

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13.

All Arab newspapers condemn the Italian air-raid on the Jewish city of Telaviv and express deep sympathy with the victims and their families. The Arab daily newspaper "Assirat" says: "Such evil outrages are contrary to all humanitarian principles and repugnant to the faith of Islam.—Reuter.

British Patrols On Italian Somaliland Border

NAIROBI, September 13.

British patrols are active on all parts of the front, states a 'communique'. One of them encountered superior enemy forces at Walgaris on the frontier of Italian Somaliland and inflicted casualties. Our casualties were very slight.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

HOUSE OF LORDS BOMBED.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

It is now revealed that the House of Lords was damaged by an incendiary bomb which was quickly extinguished in the recent raids.—Reuter.

FOURTH AIR-RAID ON FRIDAY.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

In the London area a warning was sounded for the fourth time to-day at 8-02 p.m. (G.M.T.).—Reuter.

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(P. H.).

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P. D. MAHALUXMIVALA,
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TENDER NOTICE

THE CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE, Indian Stores Department, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of mild steel pipes painted red and galvanised for Naval Dockyard, Bombay.

Tender form No. BN. 1437 may be obtained from him on payment in cash of Rs. 2/- per set (not refundable). Tenders will be opened at 12 noon on the 24th September, 1940.

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PUBLIC MEETING

With reference to the Sheriff's notice published in this paper yesterday regarding a Public Meeting to be held in Sir C. J. Hall on 19th inst. at 6 p.m. (S. T.) in connection with the sad death of late Seth Anandilal Podar, names of many signatories to the requisition could not be published due to the shortage of space.

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VICTORIA JUBILEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

(Central Technological Institute, Bombay Province) Matunga, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the Post of Deputy Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, on a salary scale of Rs. 300-25-500 p.m. The starting salary will be fixed according to qualifications and experience.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:—At least a Second Class B. Eng., B. Sc., or B. Sc. (Tech.) degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised university, with practical teaching and|or workshop experience in Mechanical Engineering for a period of not less than five years. Candidates should not be over 45 years of age. The selected candidate will be required to join duty on or about 15th November, 1940. Canvassing support for candidature will disqualify.

APPLICATIONS:—Further particulars and application forms may be had from the Principal and Secretary, V. J. Technical Institute, Matunga, Bombay, 19, to whom the application forms must be returned duly filled in so as to reach him not later than 28th September 1940.

By Order of the Board,
GEO. W. BURLEY,
Principal & Secretary.
9th Sept. 1940.

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Public Notices

TENDER NOTICE

THE CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE, Indian Stores Department, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of tin plates, copper and brass sheets, manganese bronze bars, naval brass bars, wire cast steel for springs, bronze sheets, wire phosphor bronze round, lead and zinc sheets to the Naval Dockyard, Bombay.

Tender form No. BH. 2092 may be obtained from him on payment in cash of Rs. 2/- per set. Tenders will be opened at 12 noon on the 23rd September, 1940.

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Legal Notices

ORIGINAL.
No. 1228 9-9-40.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION.
E. 1221 3-9-40.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of Dr. CHHAGANLAL VITHALDAS MEHTA, M. B. B. S. alias CHHAGANLAL VITHALDAS alias C. V. MEHTA practising as a Dental Surgeon at 260-262, Kalbadevi Road, without the Fort of Bombay and residing at Kantilal House, New Queens Road, without the Fort of Bombay .....Deceased.

1. Dr. JINABHAI LALUBHAI DESAI, M. B. B. S., a Radiologist practising and residing at Dadaji Dhackji's Building, Sandhurst Bridge, without the Fort of Bombay and
2. RAMDAS LAKHMIDAS, a Merchant, residing at Ishwardas Mansions, Block C, Gamdevi Road, without the Fort of Bombay, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants, the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said Dr. Chhaganlal Vithaldas Mehta .....Petitioners.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 2nd day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and Forty and in the fourth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary and Senior Master,
(Sd.) TAHIR ALI,

The 2nd day of September, 1940.
Messrs. AMARCHAND AND MANGALDAS,
Petitioners' Attorneys.

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Public Notices

INDIAN STORES DEPARTMENT.

1. APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for temporary posts likely to be created in connection with the war in the following categories:—

(A) ASSISTANT INSPECTING OFFICER (POINTS AND CROSSINGS).

Gazetted rank, pay for persons on new rates of pay Rs. 350-500, for persons entitled to old rates of pay Rs. 500-650; question of the grant of local, house and conveyance allowances is under consideration. Age not more than 35; may be relaxed in special cases. Applicants must have had good practical training and experience extending over not less than 5 years; held responsible positions and should possess a good technical degree or equivalent distinction. Practical knowledge will take precedence over academic qualifications. Practical experience in the construction and inspection of Points and Crossings in an approved workshop manufacturing Points and Crossings for Railways is essential and should be specified. Additional experience in steel structural work will be an advantage.

(B) TEST ASSISTANTS.

(C) SUPERVISORS (INSPECTION) OF TEXTILE STORES.

Pay (B) Rs. 150-200; (C) provisionally fixed at Rs. 90-120. Age not more than 30; may be relaxed in special cases. Question of the grant of conveyance allowance is under consideration.

Candidates should have had a good general education and should possess a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of textile technology. Applicants for (B) must possess a Degree in Textile Technology of a University in India or the United Kingdom or a diploma after a full course at a Technological Institute in India or the United Kingdom. Should have received subsequent experience in the physical testing and manufacture of cotton and woollen textile yarns and fabrics during a period of not less than three years.

Applicants for (C) must have had a practical training for not less than six months which embraced important sections of textile manufacture in a modern cotton or woollen mill and possess a textile diploma equivalent to the L.T.M. Bombay. A practical knowledge of spinning and weaving is essential.

Selected candidates for (B) and (C) are likely to be posted to the Bombay Presidency but are liable to be transferred to other parts of India.

Note:—Pay higher than the minimum may be granted to well-qualified candidates.

2. The usual Government rules for reserving a certain number of posts for minority communities will apply.

3. Application forms may be obtained from Chief Controller of Stores, Indian Stores Department, Imperial Secretariat Buildings, South Block, New Delhi, on payment of Re. 1|- by money order or Indian Postal Order. No postage stamps will be accepted.

4. Last date for receipt of applications 30th SEPTEMBER, 1940.

5. Candidates should specify the post for which they intend to apply.

6. No travelling allowance will be granted for any journeys which may be necessary for interview.

Chief Controller of Stores.

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POLICE NOTICE.

WITH REFERENCE to the Notice of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, dated the 28th August, 1940, closing certain Roads to vehicular Traffic and regulating vehicular traffic from Walkeshwar and Cumballa Hill to the Fort and VICE VERSA on the 10th and 15th September, 1940, on account of the immersion of Ganpatis, the public proceeding to or from the North of the Island are advised in order to save themselves delay and inconvenience to proceed VIA Mahomedali Road and Parel Road instead of by Queen's Road and Hughes Road.

2. Similarly the public are advised against using Marine Drive between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6-30 p.m. on those dates as these Roads will be closed to Traffic.

W. R. G. SMITH,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office.
Bombay, 2nd Sept. 1940.

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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

In Insolvency.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Official Assignee of Bombay intends to declare dividends in the following estates as mentioned below:—

Serial No.	Insolvency No.	Name of the Insolvent.	Dividend intended to be declared.
1	787 of 1936	Re: Vishnu Bhiwa Bhalekar	FIRST
2	77 „ 1938	„ Ralph O'Neil	„
3	407 „ 1938	„ Jaywant Sheshgiri Wagle	„
4	202 „ 1939	„ Keshrimal Jasraj Sha, Shesmal Jasraj Sha and Pukraj Jasraj Sha traded as Nathmal Shesmal & Co. and as Nathmal Mohanlal & Co.	„
5	441 „ 1937	„ Dattaram Dadoba Mhatre	FIRST & FINAL
6	132 „ 1938	„ Augustine Dharmai	„
7	836 „ 1936	„ Bhicaji Dhondoo Parab	SECOND
8	541 „ 1937	„ James Leonard Williams	„
9	522 „ 1934	„ Innocent David	THIRD
10	68 „ 1932	„ Kanmarth Kunhi Ananth Nambiar	FOURTH
11	540 „ 1937	„ Gundo Babaji Tilve—a firm.	Specific and preferential distribution.
12	110 „ 1938	„ J. Popatlal & Co. a firm.	„

Creditors who have not proved their claims are requested to do so in the office of the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof. If they fail to do so, their claims will be excluded and the undersigned will proceed to declare a dividend in the respective estates as stated above without regard to such claims.

All persons having claims against the Official Assignee in the abovementioned estates in respect of costs, charges, expenses, rent, lien or otherwise are hereby requested to notify their claims to the undersigned forthwith, if they have not done so already. All such claims must be sent to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date of this advertisement. On expiry of the said period, the assets in the above estates will be distributed and the claims received after that period will not be recognised.

Bombay, dated this 12th day of September, 1940.
Official Assignee's Office,
High Court, Bombay.

R. S. BILIMORIA,
Official Assignee of Bombay.

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Public Notices

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE INFORMED that on TUESDAY, the 10th September and SUNDAY, the 15th September, 1940, the following roads will be closed to vehicular traffic and reserved for public purposes between the hours of 3 p.m. and 8-30 p. m. on account of the immersion of Ganpatis:—

SANDHURST ROAD from its junction with Vithalbhai Patel Road to Chaupati: CHAUPATI from the old level crossing to its junction with Babulnath Road; HUGHES ROAD from its junction with Sandhurst Bridge to its junction with French Road: FRENCH ROAD from its junction with Chaupati to Chaupati Back Road: HARVEY ROAD from its junction with Chaupati to Chaupati Back Road; VITHALBHAI PATEL ROAD from Cowasji Patel Tank to Sandhurst Road junction (except for conveyances carrying Ganpatis when proceeding west, i.e., towards Chaupati) and GIRGAUM ROAD from Portuguese Church to Sandhurst Road junction.

CHARNI ROAD from Portuguese Church to its junction with Vithalbhai Patel Road shall be closed to east bound vehicular traffic (except for conveyances carrying Ganpatis).

MARINE DRIVE shall be closed to vehicular traffic.

Vehicles proceeding from Walkeshwar and Cumballa Hill towards the Fort and VICE VERSA will proceed along the following Roads:—

WALKESHWAR TO FORT.—Via Walkeshwar Road, Babulnath Road, Hughes Road, Harvey Road, Nana's Chowk, over Kennedy Bridge, Girgaum Road and New Queen's Road.

CUMBALLA HILL TO FORT.—Via Gowalia Tank Road, Nana's Chowk, over Frere (Grant Road) Bridge, Lamington Road and New Queen's Road.

FORT TO WALKESHWAR.—Via New Queen's Road, French Bridge, French Road, Hughes Road, Babulnath Road and Walkeshwar Road.

FORT TO CUMBALLA HILL.—Via New Queen's Road, Girgaum Road, over Kennedy Bridge, Nanas Chowk and Gowalia Tank Road.

CHAUPATI FOOT OVERBRIDGE will be open to pedestrian traffic towards the sea-face UP TO 6-30 p. m. and all persons returning from the sea-face before this time will proceed via Sandhurst Bridge; FROM 6-30 p. m. this bridge will be open only to persons returning from the sea-face. All persons wishing to go to the sea-face after 6-30 p. m. will proceed via Mathew Road and Sandhurst Bridge.

PARKING PROHIBITED.—Parking of vehicles along Girgaum Road (Kennedy Bridge) North of Sandhurst Road and along New Queen's Road is prohibited.

This order is made under the provisions of Section 23(4) of the Bombay City Police Act, IV of 1902.

W. R. G. SMITH,
Commissioner of Police.

Head Police Office:
Bombay, 28th August, 1940.

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Auction Sales

VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) AT 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) at Mahavir Jain Building, Gowalia Tank, Near Tram Terminus of complete Bungalow furniture, H.M.V. Gramophone, Singer Machine, Corona Portable typewriter, Milner safe, Cottage Piano, Chesterfield sets, Wardrobes, etc.

MISTRY & CO.,

FURNITURE AUCTION

Property of J. C. Dealwood Esqr. will be auctioned at "Yusuf Mansion" Altamount Road, Cumballa Hill, to-morrow on Sunday 15th inst. at 10-30 A.M. (S. T.) Modern Household furniture and effects. H. M. V. Gramophone, American Church Organ etc.

Property on view.

MISTRY & CO.

BANDRA TALKIES

Daily at 4, 6-30 & 10 p. m.
From September 14th. to 17th.
Girls do you want to go to Paris see.....

MELVYN DOUGLAS,
JOAN BLONDELL
IN
GOOD GIRLS GO TO PARIS

Witty dialogue...best comedy hit.
Sunday Sept. 15th. at 10-30 a. m.
NORMA SHEARER — TYRONE POWER
IN
MARIE ANTOINETTE

Auction Sales

CRAWFORD & Co.

SALE OF INSOLVENT'S OUTSTANDINGS.

Under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and Assignee of the estate and effects of the Insolvent Lowji Gopalji Parekh traded in his own name, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctineers, will sell by public auction on Thursday 19th September, 1940, at 3-0 P.M. (S.T.) at their rooms at 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay the right, title and interest of the Insolvent abovenamed in the outstandings due to his Grocery Business at Null Bazar and the Official Assignee will confirm the sale in his office in the High Court premises on Wednesday, 25th instant at 1-0 P.M. (S.T.)

For further particulars apply to:

AUCTION SALE OF PROPERTY SITUATE AT CHIMNA BUTCHER STREET.

Under instructions from Messrs. Kharas and Co., Attorneys for Mr. Jehangir Dinshaw Belgaumwalla the Mortgagee and on account and risk of Babamiya alias Mohiddin Shakkar, Suleman Shakkar and Mohomedsha Ramjan the Mortgagors, pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Indenture of Mortgage dated 31st May 1935 and Transfer of Mortgage dated 22nd January, 1940, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers will sell by public auction on WEDNESDAY, 18th September, 1940, at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) ON SITE the undermentioned property.

All that piece of Freehold land together with the dwelling house standing thereon situate at Chimna Butcher Street admeasuring about 150 sq. yds. and bearing New Survey No. 4185, Cadastral Survey No. 4143, of Bhuleshwar Division and Street Nos. 23-25.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Kharas and Co., Solicitors for the Mortgagee at Bruce Lane, Fort or

CRAWFORD AND CO.

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT ELPHINSTONE ROAD, PAREL.

Under instructions from Messrs. Little & Co., Attorneys for Bai Aishabai, daughter of Beg Mohomed Haji Abdul Rehman, the Mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Goolam Rasool Haji Esmail Haji Eshak Chand and others Heirs and next-of-kin of Haji Esmail Haji Eshak Chand the Mortgagor, and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Indentures of Mortgage, Transfer of Mortgage and further charges described in the conditions of sale, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by public auction on WEDNESDAY the 25th September 1940 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned property at the premises.

All that piece of Government Leasehold land admeasuring about 9,445 Square Yards together with the dwelling houses, chawls and stables, situate at Elphinstone Road, Parel, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 94, Parel-Sewri Division, and Municipality "F" Ward Nos. 353 (1-2) 355 & 356 (2) (3) (5) (6) and (7) Street Nos. 110A—111, 112, 113A, 113B and 113F and bounded as follows on the East by the property of Memon Haji Abdulla, on the West by a private passage, on the North by Elphinstone Road and on the South by the property of Vithoba Mankaji and partly by the property of Tribhowandas Narottamdas.

For Particulars and Condition of Sale, apply to Messrs. Little & Co., Solicitors or the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS "SHANTI BHUWAN" AT WALKESHWAR ROAD.

Under instructions from Messrs. Bhaishankar, Kanga and Girdharlal, Attorneys for Harakchand Motichand the Transferee and with the consent of the Mortgagor and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Indentures of Mortgage mentioned in the conditions of sale, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sale by public auction on SUNDAY the 6th October, 1940, at 10-30 A.M. (S. T.) the undermentioned property on the premises.

All that piece of Leasehold land, admeasuring, about 1449 sq. yds. with buildings thereon, situate at Walkeshwar Road, Plot No. 1 on Dadysett Charity Estate Chowpatty and bearing Cadastral survey No. 304 of Malabar and Cumballa Hill division, and bounded on the North-West by the property of the Lessors, on the North-east by plot No. 2 leased to Bomanji Ratanji Contractor and other, and on the South-East by Walkeshwar Road and assessed by the Municipality under "D" Ward No. 2472, St. No. 407.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the above mentioned Solicitors or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.

On The Air

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14.

Bombay I & II Programmes

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. News in Marathi. 7-40 News in Gujarati. 7-50 Indian music. 8 Keep fit. 8-10 to 8-40 As in Delhi 2. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 to 9-30 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12 Noon to 12-57 As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. Indian music. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Indian music. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 A Variety Programme. 7 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Indian music. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 World Affairs: Record of B B C talk. 8-45 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-50 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Afzal Husain of Jaipur. 5-20 The String Trio. 5-30 Faiyaz Mohammad. 5-45 Preet ke Geet. 6-15 Afzal Husain of Jaipur. 6-30 Narainrao Shahane: Light music. 6-45 Apni Apni Pasand. 7-35 Husn Lal: Violin. 7-45 For Villagers only. 8-30 March of Time: Review of current events. 8-45 Ishrat Begam. 10 It has happened or Gat Tora on Tabla. 10-5 Saturday Night Concert. 10-30 Husn Lal: Violin recital. 10-45 Israt Begam.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 7-45 As in Delhi 1. 7 45 Narainrao Shahane: Class. music. 8 Munni. 8-15 Husn Lal, Violin. 8-30 to 9-30 As in Delhi 1. 9-30 Afzal Husain of Jaipur. 9-45 Ishrat Begam. 10 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1. 10-30 Faiyaz Mohammad. 10-45 Munni.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. Parul Sen. 5-15 Gour Ghose: Surbahar Alap. 5-30 Phul Mohammad, 5-50 Phul Mohammad. 6-5 Bimal Bhusan Mukerjee. 6-20 Radha Rani. 6-40 Qasida-i-Ghausia by K. Quaderi. 7 With the Gypsies. 7-45 Kantajir Mandir: Talk in Bengali. 8 Jnanendra Prosad Goswami. 9 Gracia Duveck: Entertainer. 10 Dance music.

B. B. C. Programme

(19.30 to 22.00 GSD GSI GSF GSG GSV GST and GSJ throughout.)

19-30 B.B.C. Theatre Chorus.
19-45 Rhythm On Reeds.
20.00 See 12-45.
20-30 Hippodrome Memories—B.B.C. Theatre Chorus and Orchestra

LUCKNOW EXHIBITION SOCCER BROADCAST

Lucknow, Sept 13

The All-India Radio Station, Lucknow, will broadcast a running commentary of the exhibition Football match between the Mohamadan Sporting Club, Calcutta, and a selected Lucknow Eleven on the Lucknow Sports' Association ground on Sunday, September 15 at 5 p.m.

Consumption Of Indian Cotton

The Indian Central Cotton Committee has issued the following statement of Indian cotton (pressed and unpressed) consumed in mills in India. (Based on returns made under the Indian Cotton Cess Act, 1923. by mills in British India and on voluntary returns from mills in Indian States):—

(In bales of 400 lbs. net).

CONSUMPTION

British India during July 1940 221,526; during July 1939 211,832; since 1st September 1939 2,223,426; during the corresponding period last year 2,372,191.

Indian States during July 1940 42,923; during July 1939 49,613; since 1st September 1939 507,574; during the corresponding period last year 510,531.

Total—India during July 1940 264,449; during July 1939 261,445; since 1st September 1939 2,731,000; duging the corresponding period last year 2,882,722.

N.B.—Due to corrections which have sometimes to be made in the figures previously published, the progressive totals shown in these statistics do not necessarily represent the sum of the latest month's figures and the progressive totals published in the preceding month.

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Sept 13

Castorseeds	September—			
	Opening	Rs.	34	8 0
	Highest		34	11 0
	Lowest		34	8 0
	Closing		34	11 0
Castorseeds	May—			
	Opening		36	10 0
	Highest		37	2 0
	Lowest		36	8 0
	Closing		37	0 0
Groundnuts	February—			
	Opening		29	10 0
	Highest		30	0 0
	Lowest		29	7 0
	Closing		29	13 0
Cottonseeds	September—			
	Opening		25	11 0
	Highest		25	11 0
	Lowest		25	10 0
	Closing		25	11 0
Cottonseeds	January—			
	Opening		20	15 6
	Highest		21	4 0
	Lowest		20	14 0
	Closing		21	3 3

RAILWAY TIME TABLE
G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M	Dep H.M
Calcutta Mail (via Chhoki)	9-35	20-15
Madras Mail	6-00	22-05
Peshawar Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-45
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	9-05	18-05
Madras Express	10-15	14-30
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-30	17-40
Nagpur Express	15-50	21-00
Poona Fast Passenger	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05

B. B. and C. I. Railway

	Arr. H.M	Dep H.M
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-05
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(*Mon.)	(Sat.)
The Flying Ranee Surat	0-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Monday)	10-58	
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)		18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	6-45
Baroda Passenger	20 37	9-05

*If Monday is a Bank holiday this train

Traders On N. Y. Cotton Exchange Await Developments

MILL PRICE FIXING AND SMALL HEDGING

Favourable Weather For Picking And Ginning

Bombay, Sept 13

On Thursday, the New York cotton market was quietly steady with a limited turnover. Operators were inclined to await developments abroad and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. There was small Mill price-fixing which absorbed light hedging. Weather reports were favourable for picking and ginning over the United States Cotton Belt.

The Chicago grains market displayed a downward trend on quiet tone in securities and tremendous North American Supplies.

The Wall Street market was active. Traders sidelined on expectations of more dynamic war news and the slander advance was wiped off under the weight of war worries.

NEW YORK MARKET

At the opening December was unchanged at 9.28. The market was narrow and October position fluctuated between 9.34 and 9.32 and the session finally closed one point down to one point up. Spot cotton prices improved one point at 9.84c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet with scattered selling and closed at a decline of 2 points. Spot cotton prices closed unchanged at 9.50c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of 3 points at 7.68. Egyptian futures continued to decline on the probability of freer imports. There was local covering and trade calling against hedge selling. The market closed at a rise of 5 points to a decline of one point. Middling American Spot cotton prices declined 8 points at 8.22d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was quiet on steady long liquidation. Uppers futures declined 4 to 13 points and Giza futures lost 7 to 11 points.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York December highest (12-46 p.m.)	9.34+03
New York December lowest (10-3 a.m.)	9.32+01
Liverpool October highest	7.71+06
Liverpool October lowest	7.62—03

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Long liquidation seems over. Some trade buying. Market steadier.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Sept 12

October	9.32+01
December	9.27—01
January	9.17
March	9.10
May	8.92+01
July	8.72+01
Middling Spot	9.84+01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Sept 12

October	9.34—02
December	9.29—01
January	9.16—01
March	9.11—02
Middling Spot	9.50

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Sept 12
11 a.m. ranges. Noon call

October	9.32/9.32	9.33
December	9.28/9.28	9.28
March	9.10/9.10	9.11

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Sept 12

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	14,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	nil
Day's exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Sept 12

September	7.86+07
October	7.70+05
November	7.60+03
December	7.51+03
January	7.42+03
February	7.31+02
March	7.20+01
April	7.12
May	7.04—01
June	6.96—01
July	6.89—01
August	6.83—01
September	6.77—01
Middling Spot	8.22—08

11 a.m. QUOTATION

October	7.69
January	—

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Sept 13

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. London New York cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London.

London Spot silver was unchanged at 23 7/16d. and forward quotation was reduced 1/16d. at 23 3/8d. The market was quiet with very small business. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 3/8. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 61-8-0 and forward parity was Rs. 61-6-9. The local market was quiet with increased selling in both gold and silver. Demand being limited prices weakened.

Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	42	0 0
Bhadrapad		42	0 0
Sovereigns		28	8 0

SILVER

Ready		62	15 0
Bhadrapad		62	14 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Sept 12

Spot	23 7/16
Forward	23 3/8

LONDON GOLD

London, Sept 12

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Sept 12

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£66
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£79 1/8
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£91 1/2
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£107 1/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£73 1/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£100
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£100 7/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£112 3/4
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£110
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£6 1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, London Reg	£67
National Bank of India	£24 1/2

LONDON SEEDS

London, Sept 12

Rozario Santa Fe January quoted	24/3
Barletta Russo	unoffered
South Australian September quoted	26/9

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Sept 13

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 66 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 65 8 0

Tone:—Steady

PRECIOUS METALS.

Bombay, Sept 13

The following are the weekly quotations for the Precious Metals:

Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 70 per tola Elephant Brand.

Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 68 per tola Elephant Brand

Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 20 per tola Anchor Brand

Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 50 per tola

Iridium 100 per cent Rs. 200 per tola

Osmium 100 per cent Rs. 70 per tola

Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 90 per tola

Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 250 per tola

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Sept 13

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.)

Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	Rs.	78	4 0
Pepper Bhadarwa Sud 15 per candy		77	4 0
Pepper Maha Sud 12 per candy		81	4 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		15	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15 per cwt		13	0 0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Sept 13

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—

Shipment September Rs 8-11-0 F B H

Indian sugars ready:—

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 14-8-0 to 15-0-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 15-1-0 to 15-12-0

Tone:—Quiet.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Sept 13

Yarn No. 6 1/2s October 122 December 124 February 126

Yarn No. 10 1/2s October 137 December 139 February 141

Yarn No. 20 1/2s October 168 December 170 1/2 February 173

Yarn No. 40s October 236 December 238 February 240

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Sept 12

Broach A/M highest 199 1/2 lowest 196 closing 198 3/4

Oomra D/J highest 177 1/2 lowest 174 closing 176 1/2

Bengal D/J highest 143 lowest 139 1/2 closing 142 1/4

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Sept 13

Following a rise of one point in New York cotton futures, the local market opened today at Rs. 197/8 for Broach A/M delivery. There was scattered buying which hardened price to Rs. 198/8 but at this level there was general selling and prices declined to Rs. 196/8. Scattered covering again developed and prices improved to Rs. 197/8. The market was steady at this level with a moderate business. Operators are inclined to await local and foreign developments.

The market was quietly steady and Mahajan Tejimandi was declared at the rate of Rs. 197/12. Thereafter there was slightly increased buying and prices improved to Rs. 198/8. Liverpool market opened 3 points up and the local market was not affected. Later there was improved buying and price advanced to Rs. 200/4. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G BROACH— April/May	Rs.	199	4 0
FINE M G OOMRA— December/January		177	4 0
F G M G BENGAL— December/January		143	0 0

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Sept 13

Ready & Delivery Contract New Crop:—

Bengal Fine 147-49 Nov +8 Dec +5 Jan +4

Berar 179-81 Nov +12 Dec +5 Jan +3

C. P. 1 185-87 Nov +22 Dec +16 Jan +13

C. P. 2 180-81 Nov +16 Dec +10 Jan +8

Khandesh 173-76 Nov +5 Dec Par Jan —4

Muglai 175-76

Broach 189-91

TEJI-MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, Sept 13

Groundnuts February	Rs.	4	4 0
Castorseeds May		7	0 0
Cottonseeds January		2	6 0
Silver 1st settlement		0	9 0
Silver 2nd settlement		1	8 0
Gold 1st settlement		0	3 6
Gold 2nd settlement		0	10 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay: Sept. 13.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year.	Since 1st Septr. Last year
Khandesh		5	33
Central India			217
Barsi and Nagar		29	1,630
Hyderabad/Gaorani			
Berar		13	103
Central Provinces			167
Total Oomras		47	2,150
Dholeras		46	227
N.-W. Provinces			50
Rajputana			731
Sind-Punjab	312	1,769	1,560
Broach			
Coompta & Dharwar		1,262	1,842
Westerns-Northerns		623	227
Cocoanada			
Tinnevelly and Cambodia			
Total	312	3,747	6,837

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

	1940-41	1939-40
Receipts to date 12-9-40	560000	950000
Receipts yesterday 12-9-40	14000	45000
Export to date 12-9-40	76000	437000
Stock at Ports 6-9-40	2627000	2280000
Stock at Interior Towns 6-9-40	1874000	2485000
Stock at Liverpool 6-9-40	.....	107000
Visible Supply 6-9-40	.....	.....
Quantity in sight 6-9-40	669000	1236000
Quantity out of sight 6-9-40	.....	764000

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below Liverpool May 248 penny points at exchange 1/6

Broach A/M below New York May 127 cent points at exchange 331

EGYPTIAN COTTON

513/12; Scindia Steam 18/14; Tata Hydro 168/2; Reserve Bank 101; Imperial Bank P P 1481/4; Central Bank 36/3; Bank of India 135; 3 1/2 per cent paper 90/2.

Liverpool, Sept 12

UPPERS— Spot	12.05—42
October	11.38—04
December	10.84—04
January	10.34—13
March	10.04—13
May	9.93—13
July	9.75—13
GIZA NO. 2— Spot	12.86—36
October	12.33—07
November	11.48—07
January	10.83—10
March	10.75—10
May	10.64—11
July	10.42—11

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Sept 13

The market ruled easier in to-day's session with fluctuations remaining on a narrow scale. Tata Deferreds, which closed yesterday at 1710, opened at 1705 and receded to 1687-8. The Ordinaries opened slightly lower at 328 and eased down to 326-8. Later, however, there was a recovery in these shares. Tata Deferreds reacting to 1695 and Ordinaries to 328. Bombay Dyeings were dealt at 890 while Indian Irons were quoted unchanged at 28.

The following are the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1710) 1705 1687-8 1695 1692-8 1695

Tata Ordinaries (328-8) 328 326-8 328

Tata Ordinary 328; Tata Deferred 1695; Indian Iron 28; Bombay Dyeing 890; Century 251/4; Central India 248/12; Kohinoor 320; Associated Cement 114/12; Bombay Burma

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Sept. 13.

2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 95-12
3-1/2 per cent G P Note 90
3 per cent 1941 Bond 101-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 96-12
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 90-3
3-1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 101-12
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 105-6
4 per cent 1943 Bond 104-8
4-1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 110
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan 100-4

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 108-0
6 per cent Mysore 1959 118-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 103-4
4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 102-8
5 per cent M. Deb. 1959 110-0
6 per cent M Deb 1956 120
6 per cent K P T 1954 120

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Sept 13

LONDON:—

B. C. RATES:—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 12th March

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 12th March.

Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 12th March

Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 One month

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 Two months

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling T T 333 1/2

Bank's buying T T 330

Bank's buying D D 328

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 81 1/4 nominal

Bank's buying T T 77 nominal

Bank's buying 60 days 76 1/4 nominal

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 55 3/4

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 84 3/4

SHANGHAI:—

Bank's selling D D 22

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATES:—

Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 13th inst.

Shanghai London 0/3 11/16 13th inst.

New York London 4.03 1/2 12th inst.

London Java 7.58/62 12th inst.

London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 12th inst.

London Switzerland 17.65/75 12th inst.

London Stockholm 16.85/95 12th inst.

London Japan 1/2 1/2 12th inst.

London Canada 4.43/47 12th inst.

Tone of Sterling Exchange: Quiet

Gold £8-8-0 12th inst.

Silver London Ready 23 7/16 12th inst.

Silver London Forward 23 3/8 12th inst.

Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 11th inst.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 12th inst

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 12th inst

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call No demand.

3 Months 1/4 per cent.

6 Months 3/4 per cent

Tone:—Very easy.

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The Court of Directors have declared an interim dividend of 10 per cent per annum, less income tax, for the half year ended 30th June 1940, payable 2nd October.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, Sept 12

	This week.
Total bullion	£ 1,100,000
Public deposits	13,200,000
(a) Other deposits	157,700,000
Government securities	139,500,000
(b) Other securities	27,100,000
Notes and coin	22,400,000
Notes in circulation	608,600,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	13.12 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	107,700,000
(b) Other securities include discounts	4,100,000
Total deposits	170,900,000
Total securities	166,600,000

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Sept 11

Messrs Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars
Amr For Pow 5 per cent 2030 Debs	49
Amr For Pow 7 per cent Pfd	16
Amr Pow and Lt 5 per cent Pfd	44
Elec Pow and Lt 7 per cent Pfd	35 1/2
Elec Bond and Share Common	5 3/8
Elec Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd	63
Columbia Gas and Electric	5 1/2
Amr Tel and Tel	163 1/4
Sun Life of Canada	250
Western Union Telegraph	18 1/2
Int Tel and Tel 1952 Bonds	28
New York Central R R	13 1/4
Great Northern Pfd	23
Chesapeake and Ohio	39
Union Pacific	86
United States Steel	54 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	78
Crucible Steel	28
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	21 1/4
Republic Steel	16 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	21 1/8
General Motors	46 1/2
Chrysler Motors	75 1/2
Socony	8 7/8
Standard Oil of N J	35
Consolidated Oil	6 1/4
Texas Corporation	35 3/4
Kenpecott Copper	28
Australia 5 per cent 1955	55

LINSEED AND WHEAT.

Bombay, Sept 13

The minimum buying price for linseed being fixed, there is now no fear for any undue decline but in the absence of big offtake any marked improvement in prices is unlikely. There was slightly improved buying in wheat. Quotations were as under:—

Linseed September	Rs.	5	10 0
Linseed May		6	0 9
Wheat September		4	0 9
Wheat January		4	1 0
Wheat May		4	0 0

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Sept 13

The local Stock Exchange was again quiet with scattered selling. Tata Steel shares weakened on increased offerings.

The London Stock Exchange derived great encouragement on Thursday from the result of the previous night air activity and the tone was steady despite quietness in business.

Wall Street traders sidelined on expectations of more dynamic war news and the slander advance was lost under the weight of war worries but the session closed steady with the line least resistance downward. U. S. Steel shares closed 1 3/8 up at 55 5/8 and Anaconda Coppers declined 3/4 at 20 3/4 dollars.

The attention of the market is drawn to the forthcoming meeting of the All-India Congress Committee and naturally there was no disposition to operate. European advices were encouraging but there being scattered selling in a narrow market, price movement was irregular.

Cotton Mill shares were quiet and while Bombay Dyeing shares were unchanged Century shares closed at Rs. 252 and Central Indias were placed at Rs. 250.

Bank shares were steady and mostly remained unchanged but Union Bank shares improved to Rs. 5/10.

Tata Steel shares were quiet and Defds. declined to Rs. 1690 while Ordinary shares declined to Rs. 327. Bombay Steams declined to Rs. 265 and Scindia shares eased off to Rs. 18/10.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Sept 13

Century (255) 252 October 252 253 255
Central India (250) 250 October 250
Kohinoor (326) 323 October 320
Associated Cement (115/8) 115/8 115 115/4 October 115/4
Tram Ord (128/8) 128/12 128/8 129
Tata Hydro (169) 168/12 169
Tata Power (1352/8) 1350 1352/8 1350 1348/12
T Steel Defd (1707/8) 1707/8 1692/8 1690 October 1695 1692/8
T Steel Ord (329) 329/8 329 327 October 329 327 327/8
B Steam (265) 265
B Burma (513/12) 512/8 513/12 October 516 517 516

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Sept. 13.

100 Ahmedabad Advance	260	0
250 Bombay Dyeing	960	0
100 Century	252	0
100 Central India	250	0
100 Colaba	135	0
100 Cooria	93	12
250 David	345	0
1 E. D. Sassoon Def.	0	5 9
100 Finlay	130	0
100 Gokak	185	0
1000 Hindustan	1920	0
100 Indore	31	0
100 Khatau	98	8
100 Kohinoor	323	0
250 Laxmi	485	2
100 Morarji	169	0
50 Model	60	0
50 Mysore	102	0
200 New Great	312	0
100 Osmansahi	95	8
100 Phoenix	263	0
25 Sassoon Silk	30	0
1000 Sholapur	2445	0
50 Simplex	90	0
100 Swadeshi	217	8
100 Swan	127	0
500 Vishnu	1150	0
1000 Western	945	0

BANKS

50-100 Baroda	101	0
250 Central	36	4
500 Imperial	1481	4
125-500

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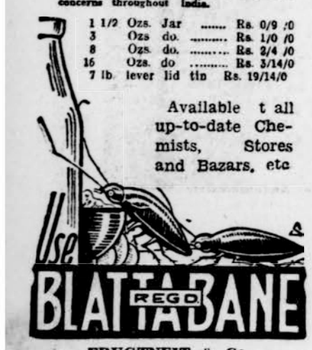

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NEW YORK COTTON ONE POINT DOWN

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES
DECEMBER 1940

New York: Sept. 13.

Previous closing	9.27
To-day's opening	9.27
Difference	Nil
To-day's closing	9.26
Difference	—1

BROACH EXPECTATION
Broach April/May Rs. 198/8

LIVERPOOL COTTON
OCTOBER 1940
Liverpool: Sept. 13.

Previous closing	7.70
To-day's opening	7.73
Difference	+3
To-day's closing	7.74
Difference	+4

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: Sept. 13.

New York cotton was narrowly irregular with traders watching foreign developments. As overseas cables were also colourless, movements were negligible. Trading in December began at 9.27, i.e. unchanged from the last closing. Prices continued steady on scattered trade and local support, but the general enquiry was not aggressive as a result of which movements ranged within very narrow margin.

The following were opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange :—

October (9.33/33)	9.31/31 fl
December (9.28/28)	9.27/27
March (9.10/10)	9.10/10

LONDON COMMODITIES
SEEDS
London: Sept. 13.

Castorseeds September October (£17 3/4 quoted) £17 3/4
Linseed Bombay Calcutta September October (£16 1/4 quoted) £16 1/4
Linseed La Plata September (£11 7/8 quoted) £12
Groundnuts Coromandal September October (£14 5/8 quoted) £14 5/8

JUTES
Dundee September (£29 1/2) £29 1/2
Lightning September (£27 1/2) £27 1/2

RUBBER
Spot (12 3/16d paid and value) Not received
Forward January March (12 1/16d paid and sellers) Not received.

METALS
Tin (£243 1/2 buyers; £244 sellers. Weak) £243 buyers; £243 1/2 sellers. Dull.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (123 sh.) 123 sh.

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay: Sept. 13.

There was no trading during the night session.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: Sept. 13.

Previous closing	4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: Sept. 13.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London: Sept. 13.

T T London on Paris not quoted.

LONDON SILVER CABLE
London: Sept. 13.

The following cable was received from London :—
Speculators sold forward. Business small. Market is quiet.

LONDON SILVER
London: Sept. 13.

Spot (23 7/16d) 23 7/16d Nil
Forward (23 3/8d) 23 1/4d —1/8

LONDON GOLD
London: Sept. 13.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London: Sept. 13.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (unquoted) unquoted
New York on Bombay (30.32) 30.32
New York on Milan (unquoted) un quoted
London on Shanghai (0-3 5/16 to 0-3 11/16) 0-3 5/16 to 0-3 11/16
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1-2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN
London: Sept. 13.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed unchanged at £91 1/2.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London: Sept. 13.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet but steady.

INDIAN LOANS
London: Sept. 13.

3 per cent Indian Stocks (£96 1/4) £96 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1950/55 (£107 1/4) £107 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1958/68 (£110) £110
4 per cent Indian Stocks 1948/53 (£104 1/4) £104 1/4
5 per cent Indian Stocks 1942/47 (£104) £104
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1954/58 (£100 1/2) £100 1/2

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
5 per cent 1958/68 (£102 3/4) £102 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent Consols (£73 1/4) £73
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100) £99 7/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 5/8) £98 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£112 3/4) £112 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£100 7/8) £100 7/8
New War Loan (£99 7/8) £99 7/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110) £110.

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors (11-6) 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (36-3) 36-10 1/2
Hydro Electric No dealings
Electric Music Industry (6-7 1/2) 6-7 1/2
Princhin Johnson (18-0) 18-0
Imperial Chemicals (26-0) 25-7 1/2
Woolworth New Ordinary (56-0) 55-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1939 (£36) £25
Dundee Rubber (27-9) 28-0
Unilever Ordinary (20-6) 19-9
Ford Motors (15-6) 15-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£50) £50
British American Tobacco Ordinary (76-10 1/2) 76-3
Carreas 'A' (£4) £4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (95-0) 95-0
P and O Def (19-1 1/2) 19-1 1/2
Distillers (55-6) 55-9
Bredfords Dye (3-4 1/2) 3-4 1/2
British Celanese (4-0) 4-0
J and P Coates Ordinary (29-3) 29-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (28-3) 27-10 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (3-1 1/2) 3-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (13-0) 13-3
Inter Nickel Ordinary No dealings
Indian Iron (41-10 1/2) 41-10 1/2

TEA SHARES
Assam (16-3) 16-3
Donaro Tea (26-3) 26-3
Empire of India (18-9) 18-9

JUTE
Barnagore (£8) £8

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo Dutch Rubber (14-6) 14-6
Gula Kelampong (13-9) 13-9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (25-0) 25-0

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug (23-9) 23-9
Burma Corporation (7-3) 7-3
Rio Tintos (£6 1/2) £6 1/2
East Rand Properties (36-10 1/2) 37-6
Rand Mines (£5 7/8) £5 7/8

MINE SHARES
Crown (£12 3/4) £12 3/4
Associated Portland Cement (55) 55-0
Trinidad Leasehold (68-9) 68-9
Sub Nigel (£7 7/8) £7 7/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (21-3) 21-3
Union Corporation (£5 7/8) £5 7/8

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian (23-9) 23-9
Anglo India (28-9) 28-9
Burma Oil (45) 45-0
Mexican Eagle (4-3) 4-3
Shell Transport (36-10 1/2) 36-10 1/2
Royal Dutch No dealings

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary (£28 1/2) £28
London Midland Ordinary (£11 3/4) £11 3/4
London North Eastern Def. (£1 1/2) £1 1/2
London Southern Def (£9 1/2) £9 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent (£114 1/2) £114 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£28) £27 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York: Sept. 13.

The following are the opening quotations :—
General Motors (dol 47) dol 46 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 21 1/8) dol 20 5/8
U S Steel Commons (dol 54 3/4) dol 53 3/4
U S Steel Pref. (Unquoted) Unquoted.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes Steady At Lower Levels

CALCUTTA: Sept. 13.

General tendency of the market continued steady and active. Jute shares showed an increased volume of business and rates kept remarkably steady at lower levels, while Coal shares were busy with their usual demand. Teas and Cottons showed no particular feature, but Miscellaneous Industrials remained quiet but steady. Security prices kept steady with moderate amount of business passing.

Following were the closing quotations :—
Govt. Securities: 3 per cent Govt. Paper 77 s lot; 3 per cent Loan 1951/54 96/14; 3 per cent New Loan 1963/65 90/8 s lot; 3 1/2 per cent Govt. Paper 90/1; 3 1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50 102; 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 105/3 s odd lot; 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 111/14 s lot; 4 per cent Punjab Bonds 1948 104/8 s lot; 3 per cent Punjab Bonds 1949 94/2 s lots.

Banks: Reserve Bank 101.

Cottons: Benares Cotton and Silk 2; Dunbar ord 147; Kesoram ord 4/15; New Victoria ord 1/4.

Coals: Bengal 323 Burrakur 12/12 s lot; East Indian 14/8; Dhemo Main 13/2; Equitable 32; Mundulpoor 8/14 ex-div; North Damuda 4/15; Pench Valley 31/12; Samla 1/12; Seebpore 18/10; Premium Talcher 1/10.

Jutes: Adamjee 17/14; Agarpara 20/5; Anglo-India 293 s lots; Pref 152; Budge-Budge pref 159; Caledonian 349; Clive 20/5; Craig 1; Fort William 200; Ganges 245; Howrah 47/6; Hukumchand 6 ct; Pref 89; India 260; Kamarhatty 425; Kanknarrah 338; Kinnison 558; National 19/11; Nuddea 48; Presidency 4 ct; Reliance 49/4; Pref 158.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 5; Consolidated Tin 2/14; Indian Copper 2/1; Tavoy Tin 1/4; Dalmia Cement ord 8/10; Bengal Telephone pref 11/14; Jubbulpore Elec 13/6; U P Elect 170 s lots; Upper Ganges Elect 10/10; Upper Jumna Elect 8/14; Britannia Building and Iron 8/4; Burn and Co ord 346; Hukumchand Steel ord 8/8; Indian Iron and Steel 28; Indian Malleable Casting ord 7; Defd 2/5 Indian St. Wagon ord 54/8 ex-div; Saran Eng 4/8; Steel Corpn ord 16/8; Hooghly Flour 9; Triton Insurance 214; Bararee Coke 17/5; British Ceylon Corpn 5; B I Corpn ord 4/5; Calcutta Trams ord 13/2; Lop Rubber ord 30/12; Second pref 106 s lot; India Paper Pulp 124; Titaghur Paper ord 16; Humayan Property Defd 1; Borooah Timber 14/8; Indian General Navigation ord 80.

Sugar: Buland 13/2; Murree Brewery 111/14 Raza 14/4.

Tea Shares: Bateli 4; Bishnauth 21/10; Grob (A) 11/7; (B) 5/14 ct; Gangaram 322; Hasimara 37; Naga Hill 13/12; Singell 60; Teliapara 410.

Debentures. 5 1/2 per cent Dalmia Cement Debs 94.—A. P.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS: Sept. 13.

Business in the local Stock Exchange was fairly active. Govt. Securities and Banks remained firm, while good buying enquiry was visible in Textile and Planting shares. Amongst Miscellaneous issues Indian Irons and Steel Corporations were fairly steady, whilst there were unsatisfied buyers for Indian Steel Rolling Mills.

Transactions reported from 12 noon of 12th inst. to 12 noon of 13th inst. were :—
Bank of Hindustan 20/8; Lakshmi Mills 37/8; Buckinghams 220 X-D; Midlands 4/2 s l 4/3; Vellamattam 16, 15/12 s l; Gudivada Electrics 82/8; Mysore Lamps 6; Mysore Paper 11/8 s l; Amrutanjan Pref 85; Indian Steel Rolling ordy 7/7, 7/8; Rolling pref 9/3.

Remittance Facilities For Indigenous Bankers

The Director of Information, Bombay has issued the following note :—

Under the new scheme for the extension of remittance facilities in India formulated by the Reserve Bank of India, with the approval of the Central and Provincial Governments, special rates for remittances have been proposed for indigenous bankers who fulfil the conditions prescribed in this behalf by the Reserve Bank in consultation with the Provincial Governments and who are placed on an approved list by the Bank on the recommendation of the Provincial Governments. The following table shows the concession rates for telegraphic transfers, drafts and mail transfers which will be made available to approved indigenous bankers and compares them with those for the general public under the new scheme:

A. For the General Public
I. Up to Rs. 5,000—1/8 per cent.
(Minimum exchange for T.Ts. Re 1 and for Drafts and M.Ts. As. 4)
II. Over Rs. 5,000—1/16 per cent.
(Minimum exchange Rs. 6-4-0).
B. For approved Indigenous Bankers.
I. Up to Rs. 5,000—1/16 per cent.
(Minimum Re. 1).
II. Over Rs. 5,000—1/32 per cent.
(Minimum exchange Rs. 3-2-0).

Actual telegram charges will be charged in addition in the case of T.Ts. both for indigenous bankers and the general public. Limits to drawings and other details can be had at the Reserve Bank or its agencies on request

Poor Prospects For Export Of Indian Cotton

Bombay, Sept 12

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following report :—

The American markets have continued to move within very narrow limits and the volume of trading has been in line with the fluctuations. Even on Monday of this week when the Bureau Report was issued the volume of trading was about ten per cent of what it would have been in the days before Loans for Cotton were introduced. In spite of the fact that the crop estimate was raised by about a million and a quarter bales from the previous month, there was no excitement and the market that day actually registered a small advance. The details of the Report were as follows. Production 12,772,000 bales. Condition 74 per cent. Area still under cultivation 24,406,000. Acreage abandoned 2.6 per cent. Estimated yield per acre 250.7 lbs. Ginnings up till the end of August 606,000 bales. The weather during August was certainly the best since the crop was planted but the crop is late as is shown by the smallness of the Ginnings. We should not be surprised if later Bureaus give a smaller crop estimate, but this year the actual size of the crop does not appear to matter very much. With all quotations on the board, especially those for later months, being below the Loan level, much of the crop in the near future must find its way into the Loan. There is nothing in the position to attract the merchant. Meantime American Mills continue to make sales largely in excess of production and a large consumption in the U. S. A. is assured. The export market is very definitely limited owing to the Continental situation. Exports to England are limited by the quota and a peculiar situation might develop in Liverpool in a few months time as the consumption of American cotton in Lancashire is considerably in excess of imports. The only operations in American Futures which can be recommended are purchases of distant months either in New York or Liverpool. In the former market distant months are appreciable below the Loan level and in Liverpool these months are definitely below import parity.

LOCAL MARKET

Contrary to what has been happening in New York and Liverpool we have had a very active market in Bombay in spite of the many local holidays. The recovery in prices started when it was learnt that a very large order had been placed by Government for Gunny bags and this coincided with recoveries in other produce markets. Speculators were caught short and there was a sudden rush for cover in a market short of contracts. At one time during the period under review the Bombay market had advanced fully Rs. 20 without any response from the other side. This adjustment in parity brought out considerable profit-taking both from longs and straddlers During this time there has been a steady demand for actual cotton in the Bombay market which has meant the lifting of hedges whilst fresh arrivals have been negligible. The Indian cloth market has at long last been quite active. Prices are not very attractive to the producer but the inherent soundness of the cloth position is being appreciated. Meantime India has been experiencing better cotton growing conditions and crop estimates are being raised especially in the Oomra districts from where the poorest reports had been coming. The local market will probably remain steady for some time owing to the statistical situation of old crop cotton, but with the poor prospects for the export of Indian cotton later on, our parity with American cotton will widen again. We are of opinion it will pay to make sales in this market in strong markets either openly or against purchases of distant months in Liverpool or New York.

Hapur Wheat Market

(From Our Correspondent)
Hapur, Sept 11

While the oversea wheat markets continued to maintain a steady undertone, the Indian markets ruled very erratic and there were sharp fluctuations. The week opened very steady. In our last despatch we had discussed the various bullish considerations. Reports from up-country markets as also reviews of some well-informed market commentators confirm our belief that the last Government forecast report must have been overestimated, otherwise there is not the least explanation for the fact that the stocks in the ports particularly Karachi and Bombay and in almost all the Punjab markets are comparatively very small. We do not understand how, this has occurred. We are told in the report that the yield per acre in the Punjab this year is 865 lbs. and in the United Provinces 874 lbs. This is a record for the last many years, the nearest approach being in 1937-38 when the figures were 824 and 796 respectively. But no where in these two provinces the market holdings support this view. Neither the holdings in the villages are believed to be very heavy for even an appreciable rise in the quotations have failed to induce heavier arrivals. Buying interest in the up-country market is daily increasing and a fair volume of inter-provincial business has been realised. In any case this is an important factor likely to guide the market tendency in future.

ABSENCE OF RAIN

Another steadying factor is the weather element. There have been no rains which are badly needed. It is true that it is not yet too late so far as the next crop sowing prospects are concerned, but we should not forget that rains this year have been very unevenly distributed. There was virtual drought when rains were needed. Then there were heavy rains for a pretty long time so that sowings of the swani crops were delayed. There has again been a long dry spell now, and the swani crops, late sown as they were are suffering from want of adequate moisture. Dry weather is positively supporting the bullish outlook.

FALL IN PRICES

Towards the mid session there was a sharp and precipitous fall in prices to the extent of 6 to 7 pies per maund. This was due to the deteriorating political tension and slightly cloudy weather. The later factor incidentally point to the importance of the weather element discussed above. Although we have been more or less accustomed to the war news, yet the constantly varying rumours and the heavy London bombardment unnerved the operators who are now disposed to wait before entering into long commitments. Normally with no prospects of Indian wheat exports, market developments abroad should not materially influence the market but they do induce businessmen to act with reserve.

The unsteady tendency evinced on Monday and again yesterday failed to carry the market with it and with the clearing of the clouds, and higher overseas advises the market again improved and the earlier loss was mostly made good.

Total arrivals in the ports during the present season from April 1 to August 31st according to the 'Indian Trade Journal' are as follows :

Calcutta	87216 tons.
Bombay	33542 tons.
Karachi	159912 tons.

Oversea markets have been regular but very steady and a small gain has been recorded.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED
Bombay: Sept. 13.

F F Campbell and Coy's American s s Pres Harrison of 5952 reg tons Capt J E Murphy arrived from Boston with passengers, tin, rubber and general cargo.

N Y Kaisha's Japanese s s Anyo Maru of 5741 reg tons Capt S Simizu arrived from Karachi with passengers scrap iron, cotton and general cargo.

O S Kaisha's Japanese s s Atlas Maru of 4511 reg tons Capt K Hirose arrived from Karachi with scrap iron, tin clipping, raw cotton and general cargo.

American s s Norbo of 4390 reg tons Capt G A Olopson arrived from Mobile with cargo of steel, sulphur, clay and general cargo.

IMPORTS
Bombay: Sept. 13.

5725 bdls dry dates, 4394 boxes wet dates, 104 bags raisins, 933 pkgs dry fruits, 120 bls raw wool, 147 jottas rose water, 60 bags figs, 112 bags sardines, 204 bdls provisions, 110 bls cotton waste, 74 pkgs bolts and nuts, 63 bags G I pipe fittings, 70 c/s iron hinges, 200 bags cotton seed, 105 crates pomegranates.

EXPORTS

1275 bags grdnut oil cake expl Purshotam Surchand; 5094 bags grdnut oil cake expl Indo-Foreign Comm Corpn; 20 bls goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 5272 bags groundnuts L Dreyfus and Co; 100 bls raw cotton G Dossa and Co; 400 bls raw cotton S R Tulshan and Co Ltd; 1000 bls raw cotton Cotton Export and Import Ltd; 62001 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 1000 bls raw cotton Japan Ctn Trading Co Ltd; 594 bls raw cotton Konishi and Co Ltd; 500 bls raw cotton Podar Trading Co Ltd; 3500 bls raw cotton G K Kaisha Ltd; 500 bls raw cotton Anderson Clayton and Co; 196 bls cotton pcegoods Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 1848 bags myrabollams Purshotam Mathradas and Co Ltd; 636 bags steatile powder Shaw Wallace and Co; 74 bls cotton twist waste clean Sapt T Products (India) Ltd; 189 bls cotton pcegoods W H Brady and Co Ltd; 796 bls cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 88 bls cotton yarn Manekji and Co; 133 bls cotton pcegoods Manekji and Co; 52 bls cotton twist waste B Uttamram and Co; 55 bls cotton pcegoods Toyo Menka Kaisha Ltd; 6 bls cotton pcegoods Ramlal Shantilal and Co; 42 bls cotton yarn The B'bay Co Ltd; 20 bls cotton twist waste Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 71 bls cotton pcegoods Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 80 bls cotton pcegoods, P K Ashar and Co; 38 bls cotton pcegoods, Japan Cotton Trading Co Ltd; 33 bls cotton pcegoods The Central India S W M and Co Ltd; 200 bags talc powder D Abraham and Sons; 640 bags myrabollams H Raghavji and Co; 1280 bags myrabollam K Tricamji; 640 bags myrabollam T Raghavji and Co; 25 bdls sandalwood R Purshotam and Co; 24 bdls roots herb Ebrahim Mawji and Co; 700 bls raw cotton N Futehally and Co; 519 bls raw cotton B Shah and Co; 100 bls raw cotton Gordhandas and Co; 400 bls raw cotton Viram Ladha and Co; 750 bls raw cotton Narsee Nagsee and Co; 10 bls raw kid skins D Abraham and Sons; 1335 bags linseed oil cake expl Louisfi Dreyfus and Co; 1318 bgs grdnuts Louis Dreyfus and Co; 2558 bags grd nut oil cake expl Louis Dreyfus and Co; 2240 grdnut oil cake meal Louis Dreyfus and Co; 500 bags bone meal B Ardeshir and Co; 493 bags bone meal Anderson Dawn and Co; 300 bls raw cotton J M Dave and Co; 1000 bls raw cotton Kotak and Co; 206 bls raw cotton Anderson Clayton and Co; 2495 bags grdnut oil cake expl M Bhuta and Co; 356 bags magnesium chloride Pioneer Magnesia Works Ltd; 200 bags talc powder Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 113 bls cotton yarn Fleming Shaw and Co Ltd; 201 bls cotton grey yarn The Bombay Co Ltd; 2240 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas and Co; 267 bags gum S Dharsi; 11 bls cotton prints Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 23 bls w/n carpets and rugs Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 41 bls ctn pce goods The Khatau Makanjee Spg and Wvg Co Ltd; 25 bls cotton pcegoods S R Pusalkar and Co; 84 bls cotton pcegoods Keshavji Virji and Co; 12 bls ctn pcegoods G N Mussry; 28 bls art silk waste Jani and Co; 30 bls cotton twist waste Barot Bros and Co; 14 bls cotton yarn The Khatau Makanjee Spg and Wvg Co Ltd; 1067 bags grdnut oil cake meal Rallis Bros Ltd; 500 bls cotton raw Ralli Bros Ltd; 1330 bags linseed oil cake expl Kilachand Devchand and Co Ltd; 950 bls raw cotton Kilachand Devchand and Co Ltd; 185 bags mustard seed Volkart Bros; 200 bls raw cotton Narandas Rajaram and Co; 1345 bags linseed oil cake expl Kishan Prasad and Co Ltd; 2674 bags grdnut kernal B Pshladrai; 100 bls cotton raw L Ramji and Co; 200 bls cotton raw Universal Ctn Trading Co; 300 bls cotton raw Suleman and Co Ltd; 7680 bags grdnuts kernals The East Asiatic Co (India); 120 bls raw cotton Arjan Khimji and Co; 108 bags coriander seed Manekji and Co; 23 bags turmeric Manekji and Co; 20 bags cumin seed Manekji and Co; 23 bags Fenugreek seed Manekji and Co, 100 tons tin plate clippings Faiz and Co; 25 tons tin plate clippings Shima Trading Co Ltd; 205 tons old iron scrap M G Abdulhusein and Co; 60 bls cotton grey yarn H Khiaram; 6560 bags myrabollams Purshotam Mathradas and Co; 46 bls cotton pcegoods W H Brady and Co Ltd; 43 bls cotton pcegoods B Balwant and Co; 50 bls ctn pcegoods The Simplex Mills Co Ltd; 63 bls cotton yarn dyed W H Brady and Co Ltd; 170 bls cotton waste M Chandulal and Co; 153 bls cotton pcegoods The Jassain Carpet Co; 40 bags turmeric powder S M Rajgor and Co.

(Continued from Col. 7.)

Rs. 1745 on the opening day, gradually declined and closed at Rs. 1690, whilst Ordinaries, after putting up about 20 points to Rs. 335, closed lower at Rs. 327. In the mill section, however, most of the scrips were quoted at the minimum rates fixed by the Authorities. Bombay Dyeings were quoting around Rs. 900 and Central Indias around Rs. 250, whilst stray transactions were reported in Centuries at rates varying between Rs. 255 and Rs. 250. Colabas faired somewhat better during the week, the quotation slowly but steadily moving up from Rs. 128 to Rs. 135 at the finish, whilst Gokaks gained from Rs. 177 to Rs. 184. Kohinoors, after touching Rs. 326, declined and closed at Rs. 320, but New Greats lay listless at Rs. 310. Public utilities recorded an all-round rise in values in sympathy with gilt-edged. Andhra Valleys advanced from Rs. 1540 to Rs. 1547-8. Bombay Trams improved from Rs. 126-8 to Rs. 129 and Tata Hydros from Rs. 168 to Rs. 169, whilst Tata Powers disclosed an easier tendency on lower earning figures, the quotation losing ground from Rs. 1- to Rs. 1348-12 at the end. Bank shares, however, were in the background, there being hardly any change in quotations. Bank of Indias showed little or no change at Rs. 135, Imperial Bank Fully Paids remained unchanged at Rs. 1481-4 and Partly Paids at Rs. 362-8 all through the week. Reserve Banks remained static at Rs. 101, whilst Central Banks were quoted at Rs. 36-2rd. Amongst Railways, Ahmedabad Prantij were inclined to be offered at Rs. 995, but Tapti Valleys, on the other hand, evoked good inquiry and were done at rates ranging from Rs. 763-12 to Rs. 775. In the miscellaneous group, steady conditions prevailed with very little variation in rates. Belapurs lay stuck at Rs. 200 and Bombay Burmas at Rs. 513-12. Associated Cements displayed good strength, improving from Rs. 112-12 to Rs. 115-4 at the end, whilst Scindia Steams and New Indias were fairly steady at Rs. 18-15 and Rs. 38-6 at the finish.

Jute shares in the Calcutta market ruled steadier with increased activity on news that large orders amounting to 58 million sandbags have been received by the Indian Jute Mills Association through the Government of India.

TRADE AND FINANCE

Plentiful Supply Of Funds

Persistent Investment Support In Gilt-Edged Market

BULLION MARKET QUIET AND SHARES STEADY

Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
BOMBAY, Sept. 13.

MONEY.

Conditions continued to be easy in the local money market. Supply of funds was plentiful. Call money was quoted at 1/2 per cent., while 3 to 6 months' money was available around 1 per cent. throughout the week under review. There was a fractional improvement in the yield on Government Treasury Bills, which moved up to Re. 0-10-9 from Re. 0-10-7 per cent. in the previous week.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 6th September 1940, records an expansion of Rs. 285.20 lacs in the active note circulation. The total of notes issued, however, shown a decline of Rs. 95.20 lacs which is reflected in a fall of Rs. 95.59 lacs in the Bank's holding of "Rupee Coin." There is no change in the amount of gold and sterling securities held by the Bank and the ratio of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities records a fractional rise of 0.148 per cent. In the Banking Department, while Deposits on Government accounts have gone up by Rs. 20.32 lacs, those on account of the Banks have declined by Rs. 6.44 lacs. Loans and Advances to Government show a small rise of Rs. 15 lacs and the item of "Balances held abroad" registers an increase of Rs. 382.59 lacs.

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of India, made upto 6th September 1940, reveals a decrease of Rs. 31.77 lacs in Deposits and Rs. 38.54 lacs in Investments, but the item of 'Advances' is up by Rs. 21.85 lacs. The Bank's cash holding has declined by Rs. 16.42 lacs.

GILT-EDGED.

The gilt-edged market remained steady throughout the period under review with persistent investment inquiry, particularly in medium and short term bonds and prices hardened further. 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper, however, moved narrowly between Rs. 90-6 and Rs. 90-2, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. Indian Sterling Stock in London ruled steadier at £91-5/8. 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan moved up from Rs. 95-7 to Rs. 104-8. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan gained from Rs. 101-8 to Rs. 101-13 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan improved by half a point to Rs. 112 at the close. 3 per cent. 1941 bonds were almost static at Rs. 101-4 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 100-3, whilst 4 per cent. 1943 bonds ruled steady at Rs. 104-8. 3 ped cent. 1951-54 loan were in good request and improved from Rs. 96-8 to Rs. 96-12, but 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan was almost neglected at Rs. 90-3. 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan showed little or no change around Rs. 105-7, whilst some bargains were reported in 4 1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan at rates varying between Rs. 109-8 and Rs. 109-14.

EXCHANGE.

There was nothing to relieve the stagnant conditions prevalent in the local exchange market. For rupee/sterling exchange, sellers of interbank spot T. T. quoted 1s. 5-63/64d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers—T .T. for spot delivery and upto six months 1s. 5-31/32d.

Buyers—T. T. for spot delivery and upto six months 1s. 6-1/32d.

In the New York free market, the sterling/dollar rate was maintained around the official rate and even overstepped the upper limit of 403.50 cents when pound sterling was quoted at 404 cents and 403.75 cents in the beginning of the week. There was no change in the Shanghai dollar or the yen, which were quoted at 3-5/8d. and 1s. 2-1/2d. throughout the week.

GOLD.

The gold section of the local bullion market continued to manifest the same tone noticed in the previous week. Opening at Rs. 42-5-3, spot gold advanced to Rs. 42-9-3 on Monday, but there was a reaction soon after and the rate declined to Rs 42-2 at the close. After a lapse of about four months, ready gold was quoted at a discount of 3 pies under the End-of-September settlement, while gold to be delivered during October settlement stood 3 pies over End-of-September settlement. On fair inquiry for sovereigns, the price of the coin improved from Rs. 28-9-6 to Rs. 28-11-3 mid-week, but later declined to Rs. 28-9. Floating stocks in the market are estimated at about 1,50,000 tolas; arrivals from upcountry average about 8,000 to 10,000 tolas a day; and the daily average offtake is believed to be 2,000 tolas. The highest and the lowest rates touched during the week were: Rs. 42-9-3 and Rs. 42-2 for spot, and Rs. 42-9-6 and Rs. 42-2-3 for End-of-September settlement.

SILVER.

The silver section of the bullion market moved in sympathy with gold for most part of the week. Opening at Rs. 63-8, spot silver moved up to Rs. 63-15-6 on Monday, but thereafter declined by stages till it touched Rs. 63-0-6 on Wednesday. There was a slight improvement in mid-week on account of the firmness of the commodity prices and the rate advanced to Rs. 63-4, but closed at Rs. 62-15-6. End-of-September as well as October settlements were quoted at a discount of one anna under spurt. In London, cash silver was fixed at 23-7/16d. throughout but for Tuesday when there was a rise of 1/16d. at 23-1/2d. Silver for two months' forward delivery, however, was in better demand and moved up from 23-1/4d. to 23-7/16d. on Wednesday, when the two rates coincided after a lapse of about 10 weeks. Floating stocks of silver are estimated to be unchanged at 7,500 bars. The highest and lowest rates recorded during the week were: Rs. 63-15-6 and Rs. 63-0-6 for spot and Rs. 63-14-6 and Rs. 62-15-6 for End-of-September settlement.

SHARES.

Generally steady conditions prevailed on the stock market although Steel Section closed slightly lower than the highest levels recorded in the early part of the week.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds, after a sharp spurt of over 100 points

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Bhadarwa Shud 13, 1996
Muslim: Shaban 11, 1359
Parsi: Farvardin 10, 1310
Hightide: 10-58; 23-10
Lowtide: 4-28; 17-10
Sunrise: 6h. 26m.
Sunset: 6h. 42m.

MATHEMATICAL COLLOQUIUM

Prof. G. N. Lawande, of Wilson College, will speak on "Pitfalls in the Principles of Mathematics" at 4-30 p.m. at the R.I.S. to-day (Saturday).

BENARES-CALCUTTA RD. BREACH REPAIRED

The breached section between Shergnati and Aurangabad on the Benares-Calcutta Rd. is now open for vehicular traffic.

A. R. P. AT DADAR

Mr. R. H. Haslam, A. R. P. Officer to the Government of Bombay, will deliver a lecture on "Organisation" at 7-15 p.m. to-day (Saturday) in the B.E.S.T. Workshops Club Hall, Tilak Rd., Dadar.

VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY, DADAR

A study class on Swami Vivekananda's Works will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at the Society's premises, Jadao Bhuvan, Dr. D'Silva Road, Dadar (opp. B.B. and C.I. Rly. Station).

GITA CLASS

Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will conduct the weekly class on Bhagawat Geeta at the Mission Library Hall, Khar Rd., to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

J. M. MEHTA'S LECTURE AT 'PARLE

In the public Ganeshotsav celebrated under the auspices of the Lokamanya Seva Sangh, 'Parle, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta will deliver a lecture on "Freedom—Political and Economic" at 8-30 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday) in Tilak Mandir, Vile Parle.

"IS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ADVISABLE?"

In Friday's issue "Is C. D. Advisable" by D. N. Deshpande, Advocate, at the end of paragraph one it was stated "and anybody will doubt his (Nariman's) sincerity". "Anybody" was evidently a misprint for "Nobody."

LECTURE ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY

Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will deliver a public lecture on Vedanta Philosophy at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort, to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

That "Love-marriages are Failures" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. Mr. Adam will propose and Mr K. M. Narsinham will oppose. Prof. (Miss) Yvonne, M.L. Coelho will preside.

61 DAYS' FAST OF JAIN MUNI

Mr. G. D. Daftary writes:—
Jain Muni Maharaj Shri Bhagwandasji Maharaj has fasted for 61 days at Matunga Nappoo Hall. His last day of fast is 16th inst. The public may have "Darshan" between 8-30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Rose of Washington Square" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Little Old New York" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Edison, The Man" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Proud Valley" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Irene" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Mother India" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PATHE—"Woman" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bandhan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
WEST END—"Lapandav" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Bharosa" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Bramhachari" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Dnyaneshwar" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Alakh Niranjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.

TO-DAY'S PUBLIC MEETINGS

At 6 p.m. (S.T.) at Chowpatty, where Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai will preside and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Indian National Congress, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and Sjt. Asaf Ali, member of the Working Committee, will address.

At 9 p.m. (S.T.) (1) at Dana Bunder, near Musjid Bridge, Mandvi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will preside and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru will address. (2) At Palan Sojpal Chawl compound, Dadar Portuguese Church St. Sjt. B. G. Kher will preside and Pt. Govind Vallabh Pant and Sjt. Shankerrao Deo will address.

The meeting at Kamgar Maidan is cancelled owing to unavoidable engagements of the speakers. It will be held, if possible, after the A.I.C.C. meeting is over.

A. I. C. C. Meeting Arrangements

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee announce:—

The meeting of the All India Congress Committee will commence at 2 p.m. (S.T.) to-morrow (Sunday) in the Survey Hall of the Cotton Green Buildings, Sewri. The proceedings will begin with the singing of Vande Mataram by Pandit Omkarnath.

The meeting Hall is on the second floor of the Building and there are enough lifts to take the members and the guests up.

To avoid congestion one way traffic will be arranged. The members of the A.I.C.C., invited guests and the members of the Press representatives will enter the meeting hall by electric lifts near the main staircase.

The Satyagraha Volunteers and other Congress workers will enter the hall by the Eastern entrance, opposite Ram Mandir.

Arrangements have been made with the Telegraph authorities for booking the Press messages at the Branch Telegraph Office on the ground-floor of the Building.

Flag Salutation At Sewri

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the President of the Indian National Congress, will hoist the National Flag and address the Satyagrahi Volunteers on Monday, 16th inst. at 8 a.m. (S.T.) in the open maidan behind the Cotton Green, Sewri. All-India leaders will attend the function.

Volunteers are required to be present at the Cotton Green, at 6-30 a.m. sharp.

NORTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION

A special general meeting of the Association will be held in the Association premises, to-morrow (Sunday) at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.)

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ

"Onam" celebration at Vanamali Hall, Dadar, B.B. & C.I., to-morrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m. (S.T.) Programme includes children's Party, music, refreshments and a Malayalam farce.

A special general meeting of the Samaj will be held at the King George English School, Dadar, to-morrow (Sunday) at 9-30 a.m. (S.T.)

MATUNGA TAMIL SANGHAM

The usual weekly class on "Tirukkural" will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 8-30 a.m. in the Sangham Hall at No. 1, Jasani Bhuwan, Matunga (G.I.P. Rly.)

FREE SCIENCE LECTURES

Under the joint auspices of the R.I.S. and the B. P. Adult Education Association, Mr. S. M. Sethna will deliver the 4th lecture in Gujarati on "Science of Nutrition" to-day (Saturday) in the Royal Institute of Science Mayo Rd., Ground floor, Room No. 2 at 4 p.m.

LADIES' COMMITTEE WAR GIFTS FUND

The Ladies' Committee (War Gifts Fund) requests that all those who have taken collection boxes for distribution should bring them to the Ladies' Committee Office, 3rd Floor, Central Bank Building, to be checked on Sept. 17 or 18.

SHREE TATVADNYAN MANDAL

Under the auspices of Shri Tatvadnyan Mandal, to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. at Shri Mounibuwa's Shri Ram Mandir, Vaidyawadi, Thakurdwar Rd., Mr. G. V. Ketkar (Editor "Marhatta", Poona), will speak on "Necessity of Comparative Thoughts."

LOST AND FOUND

A quarterly season ticket No. 160 maturing on 22nd October 1940 from Borivli to Marine Lines in the name of Mr. M. T. Kaplia, found by the Secretary of the Marwari Sammelan, has been given to the Station-Master, Borivli Station. The owner may please take it from him.

SOCIALIST EXECUTIVE TO MEET

The National Executive of the All-India Congress Socialist Party will meet to-day (Saturday) at 1 p.m. at the residence of Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas, Shantaram Lane, Walkeshwar Road, Malabar Hill.

PUBLIC LANTERN LECTURE

Mr. V. P. Nagpurkar will deliver a public lantern lecture on "Man v. Nature" to-day (Saturday) at 7-30 p.m. at Girgaum, Ambewadi, Shree Ganpati Mandap, under the auspices of the Aryan Excelsior League.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

All the members of the Bombay National Guards are required to be present in full uniforms at Chowpatty to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. to attend the public meeting.

A general parade of the Bombay National Guards will be held at the Congress House, to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. All the members should be present at 7 a.m. sharp. Instructions regarding the A.I.C.C. meetings will be given there.

CHARITY CINEMA SHOW

Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood, there will be a cinema show at the Lamington Talkies, Grant Rd., on Sunday (to-morrow) at 9-30 a.m. (S.T.) Sagar's social hit "Sadhana", featuring Sobhana Samarth, Prem Adib, Harish, Kanaialal and others, will be screened. A flat rate of annas four only per person will be charged.

JASHAN AND LECTURE AT FASLI AGIARI

The Jashan ceremony in celebration of the Paitishahem Ghambar of the Fasli Section of the Parsis, will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. at the Fasli Agiari, at New Marine Lines, under the direction of Dasturji F. A. Bode.

Then Dasturji Bode will deliver a lecture in Gujarati under the auspices of the Advisory Council of the Zoroastrian Religious Institutions, at 6 p.m. on "Interpretation of Afringan Prayers and Rites."

BOMBAY WAR PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Loud Speaker programme for Saturday, 14th September, 1940:—
11-30 a.m. Recorded music. 11-35 News bulletin. 11-50 Recorded music. 11-55 "Beware, Hitler"—A talk. 12 Noon Recorded music. 12-05 p.m. "Japan's Threat"—A talk.
5 p.m. Recorded music. 5-05 "Hitler's Dream of World Domination"—A talk. 5-10 Recorded music. 5-15 News bulletin. 5-30 Recorded music 5-35 "Experts' Opinion" —A talk. 5-40 Recorded music. 5-45 "At the Threshold of India"—A talk.

SARASWAT BRAHMAN SAMAJ

The following is the result of the Essays Competition for the Dr. Bhau Daji Memorial Fund Prizes held in June 1940:—

GROUP I.—Mr. Jagannath Tukaram Thakur and Miss Gokul Damodar Agni (Rajaram College, Kolhapur), first prize of Rs. 30 equally divided between them. Second prize not awarded.

GROUP II.—Miss Shrimati Krishnaji Rajadhyaxa (N. D. T. Kanyashala, Bombay), first prize Rs. 15. Mr. Jagadish Govind Nadkarni (M. C High School, Baroda), second prize Rs. 10.

BOHRA YOUTH LEAGUE

Under the auspices of the above League Mr. Irfani will speak on "The Progress of Poetry" at the League's Hall, to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. Mr. N. M. Shaikh will preside.

SECONDARY TEACHERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE, DADAR

Under the auspices of the Institute Mr. J. R. Trivedi, Principal, Teachers' Academy, Bombay, will give a talk to the students of the Institute to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. in the King George English School on "A Progressive School."

Traffic Regulation For Sunday

The public proceeding to or from the North of Bombay to-morrow (Sunday) are advised through a public notice given by the Commissioner of Police (Published in this issue elsewhere) to proceed via Mohamedali Road and Parel Road, instead of by Queen's Road and Hughes Road in order to save themselves delay and inconvenience due to the immersion ceremony of Ganpatis. The Marine Drive also will be closed to traffic between 3 p.m. and 8-30 p.m. on the same day.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

The Voluntary Social Workers' Training Class will meet to-day (Saturday) at the League's Head Office, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon. Two lectures will be delivered this day, the first by Dr. G. R. Pradhan, Lecturer, University School of Economics and Sociology, Bombay, on "Principles of Sociology" from 5 to 6 p.m. (S.T.) and the second by Prof. S. G. Beri, Sydenham College, Bombay on "The Industrial Revolution" from 6 to 7 p.m. (S.T.)

Bombay War Gifts Fund

Grand total of Bombay War Gifts Fund till Sept. 13, 1940, is Rs. 16,22,428/0/10.

KHADI BHANDARS WILL REMAIN OPEN ON MONDAY

All A.I.S.A. Khadi Bhandars and the Khadi Shop of Vithalbhai Patel Road, will remain open on Monday, the 16th inst. on account of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations.

TO-MORROW IS A SUNDAY.

The Hon. Secretary, A.I.S.A., Bombay Branch, writes:—

Sunday is a day for rest and leisure. You should be having so much time to spare on a Sunday as against other working days. Sunday is, therefore, a very convenient day for the sale of Khadi Hundies. We know how much a weekly rest means to you. We usually make no demands on you, but we request you please to devote your Sundays during the Gandhi Jayanti primarily for the sale of Khadi Hundies.

"SONS OF THE SEA" IN AID OF THE WAR GIFTS FUND

At the Eros Cinema on Friday, Sept. 20, at 10 p.m. there will be a special Cinema performance under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lumley in aid of the War Gifts Fund (Ladies' Committee).

The film will be the all-British magnificent Dufay colour dramatic sensation: "Sons of the Sea"—a most appropriate film for this most deserving cause.

Along with this film there will be a short one entitled: "On Guard in the Air". This film has been specially produced by the Ministry of Information in England.

Tickets at the usual prices will be available at the Cinema and at the office of the Ladies' Committee of the War Gifts Fund, 3rd Floor, Central Bank Building. The total proceeds of this performance will be handed over to the War Gifts Fund through the generosity of Mr. S. C. Cambata and the British Distributors (India), Ltd.

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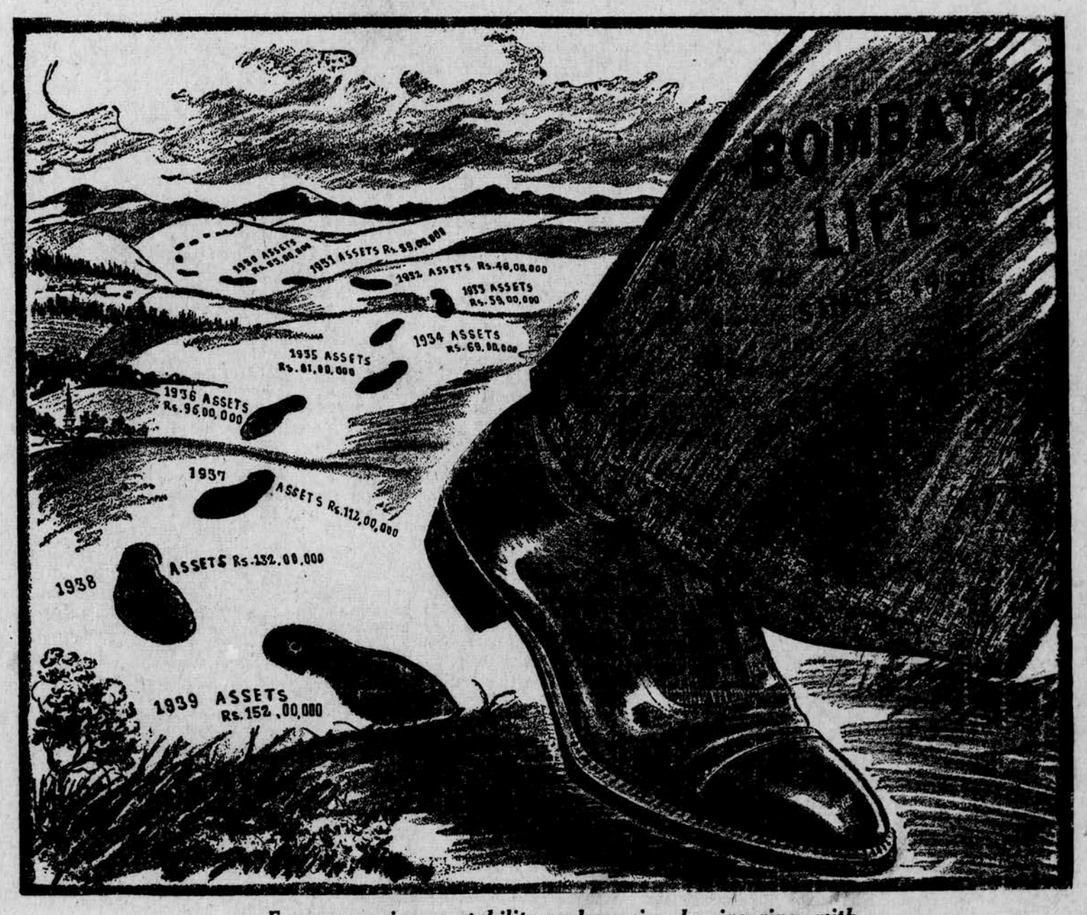

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A. I. C. C. MEETING

The Congress Working Committee has discussed for several hours the most urgent questions confronting it but has not yet adopted any resolution to be submitted to the A.I.C.C., which meets on Sunday. So many conflicting points of view and uncertain contingencies have to be considered that it is extremely difficult to forecast the decisions of these Committees. But it is less difficult to suggest what they should do. In the first place it should be fairly obvious that the A.I.C.C. should not take it upon itself to fetter the hands of the Working Committee in dealing with fast-changing situations. It follows from this that the A.I.C.C. should not immediately revoke the offer of conditional help to Government made at Poona. For reasons we have suggested before the time for the withdrawal and the action to be taken thereafter should be left to the Working Committee within certain reasonable limits that may be prescribed by the A.I.C.C.

No Satyagraha Now

The question then is what the Working Committee should do. We hope the Committee realises that it is most inexpedient to revoke the Poona offer immediately without prescribing a reasonable time-limit. We have to emphasize this view because certain leaders are understood to be anxious to revoke the offer at once as that will facilitate Gandhiji's assuming the leadership of the Congress. This would be understandable if these leaders did not any longer care for the settlement envisaged in the offer. But we do not think they have really changed their views about the desirability of such a settlement. If a settlement is desired, the mere fact that Government have not yet accepted the offer does not justify its immediate withdrawal. The question of a settlement on the lines suggested having once been decided irrespective of Gandhiji's views on non-violence, it should continue to be so considered as long as a settlement is desired. Gandhiji himself will certainly not like that any Congress leaders should sacrifice their convictions or public interests according to their lights just to secure his leadership. We are not quite sure that if the Congress offer is kept open for a definite period, Britain will accept it in time, though we strongly feel it is in the best interests of Britain to do so. That leads us to the question of questions, whether, in the event of Britain not seizing the last chance offered to her, Congress should launch a campaign of civil disobedience. We have already expressed our view unequivocally that it will be most unwise for the Congress to do so when Britain is in terrible distress. It is unwise both from the point of view of principle and of expediency. We can find justification for neutrality or non-co-operation but none for directly fighting against Britain. To fight Britain now is to pour venom in the hearts of millions of Britishers and the many more millions in the world who sympathize with them. That is certainly not a proper prelude for a Satyagrahi campaign. To prevent misunderstanding we shall repeat that our view does not preclude non-violent assertion of fundamental rights against unreasonable encroachments thereon. It has been suggested that Gandhiji may devise some form of Satyagaha just to appeal to British conscience without embarrassing the people and to demonstrate the potency of non-violence at a time when the world needs it most. India has sufficiently demonstrated the potency of non-violence for a fresh proof to be necessary. Besides, to-day the issue is not about the potency of non-violence but about the expediency of civil disobedience. As Mr. Rajagopalachariar urges, we have to consider against whom a Satyagraha campaign will be launched. It will primarily be launched against the British Government, but its agent at the Centre may soon be a Government composed of representatives of the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha and in the Punjab, Bengal, Assam and Sind, the Congress will have to carry on Civil Disobedience against popularly elected Governments dominated by the Muslim League. What would be the effect of a campaign of civil disobedience on that large section of our fellow-countrymen who support these Governments?

The Alternative

It is asked by some what the Congress can do if it is neither to start civil disobedience nor to resume office in the provinces—the latter alternative being assumed to be inconceivable without a settlement regarding Central Government. One answer to this question is that if civil disobedience is unwise for the reasons indicated above, it will continue to be so even if there is no special alternative programme. Another answer is that a nation-consolidating constructive programme is an excellent alternative, particularly because it is a necessary preparation for a nation-wide campaign of civil disobedience, if one is found necessary after the war. For obvious reasons communal unity will figure most prominently in the programme. It is admitted by all that at present the country does not enjoy a considerable measure of unity, adequate for the purpose of an effective concerted struggle for Swaraj. For this purpose we do not aim at perfection. But we do insist upon an understanding with the many Nationalist Muslims who are already making efforts to arrive at such a settlement with the Congress as will be regarded as satisfactory by the vast majority of the Muslims and will induce them to join hands with the Congress in the struggle with Britain. Such an understanding is as possible as it is desirable. We should not under-estimate the value of such an understanding or be sceptical about its practicability. It is necessarily much easier than the winning of Swaraj. It is also an essential preparation for any struggle for Swaraj.

Mussolini: Warrior With Empty Pockets

By DEVERE ALLEN and E. DIXWELL CHASE

This is the second article written on Italy by two editors of the Nofrontier News Service, after first-hand observations. It is based on painstaking consultations with diplomatic, journalistic and financial experts long resident in the country and in a position to give as accurate information as available to anyone on the Italian economic structure, and the relation of Italian finance to the war.

If Italy's financial situation is less hair-raising for Il Duce than some of his worst foes try to make it, nevertheless it has him in a tough spot, and in a tough spot also anybody whose fortunes are tied to his—including the whole Italian people and a number of Americans who, presumably for love of democracy and freedom, have invested in the fascist regime.

In the "Weekly News", a sheet published in several languages by the Italian Office for Tourism, there were recently printed an article about "the invention of money". Anyone familiar with the facts of Italian finance would regard this less as information than as simple wish-fulfilment. Mussolini and his minions have done just about everything to get money except invent it. And even on that, they will bear watching.

New taxes that drive prices sky-high; lagging wages, graft that has jumped from the "normal" 20 per cent. to 100, and startled "the boss" himself into action; a "black bourse" selling lire at amazing rates against dollars—these are some of the phenomena about which news correspondents don't write, but which are definitely in the picture.

The much-talked programme of self-sufficiency was instituted as a means, born of necessity, to a specific end. The country had to live, while saving up what precious foreign exchange it could. Without exchange, it was impossible to buy abroad the things needed for war; especially the things needed from the United States and from the countries against which the Fascist government was going to fight. In all honest reporting it must be said that autarchy worked surprisingly well, particularly up to the outbreak of the war last September; but that is over, at least unless soon the war with Britain ends, and even afterwards Italy may be a heavy drain on Hitler's ingenuity.

Self-sufficient has Italy made herself in mercury, sulphur, pyrites, and aluminium; she will soon become so with regard to lead, arsenic, nickel, and hydro-electric power. But the war machine cries out for what she most lacks; iron, copper, manganese, and oil. Of the metallic products, her total peace-time requirements amount to three million tons a year half of it being imported. In normal times she uses more than two million tons of oil annually, getting it chiefly from Irak and Rumania. The fact that so much of these products was coming from the undictated countries or countries in the Allied orbit, made it clear that once she got into the war she would be completely cut off from them.

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In foodstuffs she is no better off; she can't raise enough at home for all her needs, and she has to import largely from her present enemies. Mussolini meant exactly what he said to the Italian Senate on Nov. 30, 1938: "We are endeavouring to prepare men and means for a war of rapid evolution." No other kind of war was possible for the country.

It is estimated that early in the spring of 1940 she had sufficient stocks of fuels and metals to last for five or six months at the normal rate of consumption, under a blockade. What war-time consumption might be was anyone's guess, and for that matter, estimates of reserves vary widely among observers in Rome. The story, probably officially inspired, that Italy went into the war with only a two-weeks' supply of gasoline and not enough boots for her soldiers is, however, scarcely credible. For one thing it is known that imports of war materials rose markedly, or as a British paper put it, "alarmingly," during the first six months of the war. Figures could not be had, and it was not known how much of these imports were being reshipped to Germany. But it simply did not make sense to most observers who had watched Mussolini's course over a period of several years to say that a fascist country avowedly preparing itself for the great struggle that was to "free Europe from the grip of the decadent pluto-democracies," should arrive at the zero hour quite so unprepared.

Nevertheless, there were many signs to show the severe strain the war effort was putting on the country's economy. Foreign exchange was so vital that it had to be procured at any price and the "black bourse" was whitewashed by official Government recognition, deals on it being put through in the ministries themselves. Whereas the special tourist lira, theoretically a bargain for the foreigner, was selling at 23 to a dollar, business transactions were going on at rates of 40, 50 and one deal, of which the writers knew positively, at 60 lire to a dollar. Shortly thereafter the Government became nervous lowered the rate to what was considered the "reasonable" figure of 40 to a dollar. Similarly Italian businessmen who wished to obtain foreign credit in order to import raw materials found that they had to pay the Government close to twice the normal value of the exchange desired or else their demand would be refused. This meant an increase of almost a hundred per cent in the cost of raw materials to the manufacturer, and protests were as loud as corridor whispers and undercover pressure could be.

Other indications of distress were the rationing of food, the almost prohibitive price of gasoline to the public, and the extensive use of "gasogen" on buses and private cars. Actually, Italian gold reserves, in which are included all foreign holdings, currencies, etc. had shrunk from January 1939 to January 1940 from 3,674 million to 3,131 million lire, or 15 per cent, leaving a gold coverage for the lire of 13 per cent as compared with 20 per cent for the previous year. A tendency toward inflation so marked in January as to cause alarm when circulation reached an all-time high of 24,432 million lire, was successfully resisted and by March the circulation had dropped to 22,644 millions.

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It is enlightening to take a look at the home front at the time of the declaration of war. What has happened to the cost of living is indicated by the rise in retail prices of from 20 to 25 per cent from September 1 to February 1, and this rise is over and above a gradual one of from 40 to 50 per cent since the Ethiopian campaign. Wages have not kept pace. During the last five years there have been four separate raises totalling 40 per cent, thus leaving the last 25 per cent rise in living costs unaccounted for and depressing the standard of living considerably. This condition is aggravated by many new and heavy taxes, including a two per cent turnover tax on all business transactions, cumulative in manufactured goods passing through several processes and changes of hands. This is just one of the reasons why retail prices on clothes have gone up 'four hundred per cent' since 1935 and why in recent months prices of vegetables and meats have risen 130 per cent. Income-taxes have been raised recently by 25 to 100 per cent, and a two per cent tax has been levied on all wages not hitherto subject to the income-tax. Directors of commercial organizations must now pay a special tax of 5 to 20 per cent.

The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1940, was published in January and was the largest ever presented by any Italian Government. Although rapidly outdated by new appropriations for the armed forces, some indication of how things now stand can be seen in private estimates published by "The Economist". These set the extraordinary expenses at approximately 10 billion lire, while the ordinary expenses were expected to be close to 35 billion lire. Since then an additional eight billion have been appropriated for armament, to be split between this year's and next year's budget, raising the total estimated deficit of 17 billions to something over 20 billions. Just compare this deficit of 20 billions in a total budget of 53 billions with figures for the United States, recently computed by the National City Bank of New York, which put forward a deficit of six billions in a budget of 13 billion dollars.

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Dorothy Thomson has been one of those stressing Italian financial weakness. She and other commentators could be forgiven errors, for there are no reliable official figures to go by; these are not made public, and even when Italy was a member of the League of Nations, during its last few years of membership it supplied no statistics to that body's publications. But by no stretch of the imagination could the deficit reach the sum of 180 to 250 billion lire arrived at by Miss Thompson in her Herald Tribune column of April 24th. It has been pointed out that she apparently confused "deficit" with "total public debt"

During the last five years Italian budgetary estimates have regularly been exceeded, often by as much as 50 per cent. But if this is what you want to do, you can get away with it for quite a while. This year the ordinary budget has been drastically increased, in what appears to be an effort to absorb the deficit into the tax system. But the announcement of new treasury bond issues indicates that the authorities felt no great confidence in the ability of the revamped tax programme to meet mounting costs. This is borne out by the recent defaulting of interest payments due on a bond issue floated in the United States.

This default brought to light on financial pages a fact well-known to students of international affairs, yet little publicized—America's large contribution to the financing of Italian fascism. There are still dol. 121,000,000 worth of Italian bonds outstanding in the United States, including what remains to be paid on a dol 100,000,000 issue for the Kingdom of Italy floated by J. P. Morgan and Company at 94½ now worth 36.

The writers, in the Umbrian hills, saw the end of a magnificent rainbow, so close the pot of gold was almost at their fingertips. But they didn't try to get it, for they knew they would only find inside a note regarding "IOU—Mussolini." Americans who back the dictatorship will be lucky if they are rewarded with nothing worse.

The German Plan:

King Hall News-Letter

LONDON, Sept. 6.

The original German plan laid down that the series of massed day attacks were to develop with rising intensity in order to create conditions making invasion by sea a practical possibility. This plan has collapsed owing to the strength of the British defences and also because the enemy discovered it was prohibitively extensive to use very large formations against the opposition of the British fighter squadrons.

In these circumstances it seems probable that the German High Command is now being obliged to use its air force in much the same way as the R. A. F. is employed. The R. A. F. is being used chiefly to strike at the roots of German air power—a task for which it had been preparing itself before the war. This business goes back to 1917-18 when the establishment of an independent striking force marked the real beginnings of the R. A. F. as a separate service.

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There has been much controversy during the last 15 years as to the utility of aircraft as an independent weapon. Although we think it would be unduly optimistic to suppose that air action would ever be able by itself to beat Germany to her knees, sufficient news of a reliable character has now come out of the Reich to make it certain that the bombing raids of the R. A. F. are assuming a growing significance in this war.

Except in the matter of oil, it would be wrong to imagine that the damage done by the R. A. F. has yet substantially affected the German war output. What the R. A. F. have done is to give a good shaking to the morale of German industrial workers who are showing an increasing inclination to spend time in their shelters when their presence is needed at their machines and tools.

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It may be asked why it is since the German air force has been obliged through the failure of its original plan to adopt a plan similar to that being followed by the R. A. F., that the Germans are not getting results in Britain at least as good as those being obtained by the R. A. F. in Germany. One might suppose that since the German air forces are more numerous than ours that the enemy would obtain larger results. On the contrary he has so far achieved remarkably little. The reasons for this are several. First the German air force has not been trained as an independent striking unit. It has been brought up to work in close and medium-range co-operation with the mechanised army. Secondly, it is deficient in night bombing practice. Thirdly Great Britain is a very difficult country over which to operate at night.

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Parallel with this change in tactics by the German air force a change dictated by our successes—the enemy have now begun to concentrate on the aerodromes of our fighter squadrons in the hope of pushing them further back from the coast. To sum it all up the main German plan has miscarried and the enemy has had to change over to a plan for which he had not made proper preparations. His present plan has no chance of producing quick results and indeed is not likely to pro-

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Frankly Speaking

Franco For Berlin?

Recently it was reported that Senor Suner, General Franco's Minister of the Interior, was visiting Berlin shortly on an invitation from the German Government. This report has been followed by a Rome broadcast that the German Government has also invited General Franco himself and that the latter, too, is going to Berlin shortly. This is significant in view of the latest phase in German and Italian military activities, which both indicate imminent invasion of Britain and Egypt. It is quite obvious that both the Axis Dictators, having planned simultaneous invasions, want General Franco to launch an attack against Gibraltar at the same time. But the invitation personally to General Franco may also mean that he is disinclined to undertake the venture. In that case he may probably prefer to wait and see how the Axis fares before making any move himself.

Too Good

According to "reliable" information in Washington diplomatic quarters the future of the Petain Government and of unoccupied France is in imminent danger because the former has rejected Axis demands for the demobilisation of French troops in North Africa and for 58 per cent of the live-stock in unoccupied France. This news is so good that we wonder if it is at all true. Marshal Petain is so utterly demoralized that he cannot seriously resist any Axis demands. Moreover, he would do anything rather than help Britain in any possible manner. And developments arising out of the reported rejection of the Axis demands may quite likely become extremely invaluable to Britain. Any such action by Italy and Germany, as the message forecasts, may probably provide just the push necessary for driving North Africa with its 200,000 troops—and, perhaps, a large proportion of the French fleet—into the patriotic arms of General de Gaulle. If that happened, Il Duce, who rightly fears the presence of such an army on the west of Libya, would be crushed between two forces, the threat to Gibraltar would disappear and, in fact, the whole aspect of the present war situation would change decisively, at any rate in the Mediterranean.

Invasion Of Egypt

The report thus is too good to be true. Another reason why too much importance should not be attached to it is the fact that Signor Mussolini is showing signs of moving at last towards an offensive against Libya. Being a "realist" he would not do so without making sure that he was not threatened from Tunisia. As to his chances even with a pro-Vichy North Africa, they do not seem to be altogether favourable. He is stronger on the land and in the air than the British. But he has left the British Navy in supreme command of the Eastern Mediterranean and the coast. Moreover, an invasion of Egypt is certain—unless reports are incorrect—to bring the Egyptians in. With their help, General Wavell's forces are likely to keep the Italians away from Alexandria, the Suez Canal and the Red Sea while re-inforcements are unceasingly pouring into the country.

Amery's Voice

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad's appeal to the Congress is doubtless well-meant but it errs in defending the Viceroy's offer. Even the Council of the Liberal Federation has characterised the offer as inadequate and unsatisfactory. Sir Chimanlal is trying to make out that the British Government have offered Dominion Status and that it is better than Independence. But it is disingenuous to pass over the indefiniteness of the offer in respect of time and the many conditions to which it is subject. The Liberal Federation itself has objected to these conditions and to the absence of any time limit. For it feels—not without cause—that after the war danger is over the various conditions in the declaration are capable of being put forward as excuses for delaying such attainment indefinitely.

Fling At Federation?

Sir Chimanlal objects even to the modest demand of the Congress for the inauguration of a National Government at the Centre enjoying the confidence of the elected members of the Legislature. Yet the Liberal Federation has substantially supported the demand by urging that 'as a matter of convention" the Viceroy's enlarged Executive Council "Should work as a Cabinet; that the Viceroy should be its constitutional head, and that the British Government should not ordinarily interfere with any policy that has the support of such an Executive Council and the Central Legislature". We wonder if Sir Chimanlal has used the Congress as a peg on which to hang a sermon to the Federation which dared to differ from him. Sir Chimanlal dismisses Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar's offer as a stunt but urges no argument against it. He merely asks why Congress does not form National Governments in the provinces. The answer is that such Provincial Governments will follow only if the larger demand for a Central National Government is conceded, not otherwise.

Women's "Revolt"

Things sometimes move fast in Hindu society. The All-India Rajput Women's Conference, held at Dholpur the other day, adopted a resolution demanding women's right to divorce at will and marry men of their own choice untrammelled by caste restrictions and society conventions. The resolution is remarkable for its outspokenness, excelled only by that of several speeches in support of it. This is particularly remarkable because Rajput women have not been so far as progressive in their outlook as they deserve to be. Like their sisters of other Hindu communities, Rajput women have so many grievances that one cannot have the heart to be hyper-critical about either the resolutions of the conference or the fiery speeches made thereon. Our only fear is that the resolutions may remain on paper, to be repeated next year at a similar conference, though in that case the members of the conference will find good company among men folk who should know and do better. The leaders of the conference owe it to themselves and to their sisters to carry "their banner of revolt" to places ordinarily untouched by social reform agitation. Not all men will hinder them in doing so. Nor is it quite pleasant, in these days, to attempt to hinder determined women.

TETE-A-TETE

It is possible, says a report, that Gandhiji may seek one more interview with the Viceroy before arriving at a final decision.

Then it is certain that the Qaid-e-Azam will react sharply before arriving at a final decision to the profound anxiety of the Viceroy.

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Dr. Khan Sahib believes that as soon as Independence is achieved communalism will disappear.

So do most of the communalists.

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The Baluchistan Government have banned entry into Baluchistan of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

And have thereby very helpfully enabled us to add 2 to 2.

We thank them.

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It is reported that on Thursday last, Mr. Neville Chamberlain was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit was not, however, for the purpose of surrendering the seals of his office.

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Which reminds us:

"Appeasement is a polite word for misdirected partisanship", says President Roosevelt.

Must the President so rudely rub it in when the poor chap is just out of a Nursing Home?

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Describing Wednesday night's raid on Berlin the Berlin correspondent of a Swedish paper says: "It is claimed that the fires were extinguished after a few hours' strenuous work by firemen".

The first three words are an undoubted compliment to the correspondent's journalistic resourcefulness in face of Nazi censorship.

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It is suggested that owing to certain reported developments either the Petain Government may be forced out or the German and Italian troops may extend their occupation to the whole of France or the greater part thereof.

We completely rule out the first contingency. The Axis may conquer France but it cannot conquer Petain's resolute determination to stick to alleged "office".

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According to an Italian broadcast, General Franco has been invited to Berlin.

To be treated to a "gentle" persuasion?

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Tokio proudly proclaims that 80 per cent of Chungking has been reduced to ashes by Japanese air raids.

But even 20 per cent of Chinese resistance has not yet been reduced to ashes after three years of war.

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The latest development in the Indo-Chinese confusion is the report of differences between Vichy and General Decoux.

Our headache, therefore, continues.

C. R. URGES CAUTION

International Situation To Be Studied Before Launching Struggle

That whatever decision was to be taken by the A.I.C.C., should be after full consideration of conditions, National as well as international, with the full responsibility that befitted a National organisation of fifty years' standing and should not be arrived at in any haste, was the view expressed by Mr. C. Rajagopalacariar who spoke for nearly an hour at Napoo Hall Gardens on Friday night. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu presided.

BRITAIN'S LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE

Mr. Rajagopalachariar said that Indians had now arrived at a stage when they had to decide what action to take. They had repeatedly placed their case before the British Government but to no effect. The British seemed to be incapable of understanding and sympathising with the aspirations of India. Meanwhile they were engaged in a life and death struggle with the Nazi menace.

It was a period of deepest anxiety and disttress for England.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar asked the audience to look at the forthcoming decisions of the Congress against this background. If they found Congress taking a decision apparently different from theirs, they should keep in view that the Congress a responsible organisation of 50 years' standing could not run away with ideas of the moment. Whatever decision it might take a couple of days later, it would have to consider the problem facing them, from all points of view. If they had started a struggle a week ago, or a month ago or a year back or when the ministries resigned, it was a different matter to-day. Other reasons weighed against such a decision. They had to take a decision in the light of the tragic events then taking place in England.

NON-VIOLENCE.

They should also remember, he said, the unique character of their weapon, non-violence, and should not be carried away by the military terms some of them were using.

If they were using that terminoly, it was due to paucity of vocabulary. There was an essential difference between their non-violent fight and the fight that was going on in the west. While there they aimed at the body, here they aimed at the mind, while there they aimed at a speedy blow, greater injury, pursuit, and flight, here their technique was entirely different.

In Satyagraha, they operated on the mind to rouse the deadened emotions. If they proposed to practise Satyagraha properly, they should not start by rousing the anger of the enemy, for thereby they would be grossly misunderstood. Besides they had all kinds of people around them, whom he would not call opponents to misunderstand them. That preliminary or unwanted anger had opposite reactions. But a population of 40 crores because it was unarmed, its feelings should not be neglected.

They should also take into account all kinds of events which might occur in the world and which might upset their calculations—as the war that was in progress was one that was producing results, qualitative and quantitative, very fast.

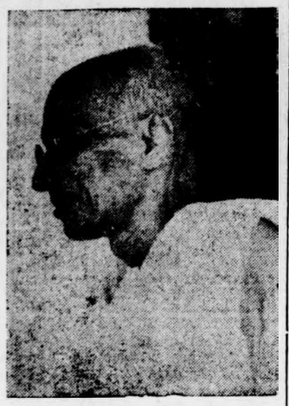
To illustrate the problems they (A.I.C.C.) had to taeckle Mr. Rajagopalachariar asked, whether Satyagraha, was to be directed against the whole world, Hindu Mahasabha or Muslim League or against any other groups among themselves? Primarily and essentially their Satyagraha was against the British Government's mind in relation to the Government of India. He asked, who knew who would govern them next week or next month. They should be prepared for all kinds of eventualities. They should not act as sentimental people, but as responsible people belonging to a responsible body. The grave problems before the A.I.C.C. were not to be decided by fervent speeches but by taking into consideration the entire position in the country not only as it was at present but as it would develop in the next few months.

The statements of the British Government not only made the position difficult for them, but threatened to make it more and more difficult for them, in denying democracy and trying to make it permanently impossible of achievement.

Concluding, he said the National demand of Complete Independence coupled with non-violence was an assurance to all minorities that they aimed at mutual protection and not coercion. They were for solving the minorities problems here among themselves. If others were to solve them, others had to continue here, thereby making self-Government impossible. He saw no reason why a large minority should fear and talk of civil war. The immediate issue before the A.I.C.C. was to demonstrate that life was throbbing in them.

Addressing the ladies in Tamil for a few minutes, Mr. Rajagopalachariar said, that the Congress was aiming at a Government which could protect their homes. It was their duty to put faith in the Congress programme, as they evidently showed by their presence in large numbers at the meeting and give their support to it.

Mr. Nagindas Master proposed a vote of thanks.



Mr. C. R. Rajagopalachariar.

WANTED GANDHIAN LEADERSHIP

Andhra P. C. C. Resolution

GUNTAKAL, September 13

The Andhra Provincial Congress Committee which met here yesterday adopted the following resolution on the present political situation:—

"Now that the British Government has treated with contempt all offer of co-operation in the war by the people of India, this Committee is of opinion that no further time be lost in taking effective action on a nation-wide scale to meet the situation thus created; and that all necessary steps be taken forthwith to request Mahatma Gandhi to assume the leadership of the country in order that he might launch a programme of Satyagraha in such a manner as he deems fit to this end.

"The Committee is of opinion that the Poona resolution be scrapped."

It is understood that the Andhra members in the All-India Congress Committee will press this view at the Bombay meeting.—United Press.

CONGRESS PROPAGANDA IN BIHAR

PATNA, September 13

Members of the Congress Party in the Bihar Legislature are understood to have been asked by the Propaganda Sub-Committee, recently appointed by the Provincial Congress Executive to hold at least ten meetings in their respective constituencies to explain the attitude of the Congress towards the Viceregal announcement.

They have been further asked by the Propaganda Sub-Committee to send reports of their activities with regard to these meetings to the Provincial Congress headquarters.—A. P.

Bengal A. I. C. C. Batch For Bombay

CALCUTTA, Sept. 13.

A batch of A.I.C.C. members from Bengal including Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, President of the B.P.C.C. left for Bombay today to attend the meeting of the A.I.C.C.—United Press.

Telegraph Notice

BOMBAY, Sept. 13.

A telegraph notification says "It is notified that considerable delay is occurring at present on cheaper classes of telegrams to United Kingdom and beyond".—A P.

FACTORY WRECKED

50 Killed And 200 Injured In Tremendous Explosion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.

At least fifty have been killed and 200 injured in a big American factory which was wrecked by a tremendous explosion.—Reuter

Anglo-U. S.-Australian Talks In Progress

Questions Of Common Interest Discussed

SYDNEY, Sept. 13.

According to the "Sydney Sun", discussions are proceeding between the United States, Britain and Australia dealing with questions of common interest, including the defence of Australia and economic relationships.—Reuter.

For London Victims

SYDNEY, September 13

Almost all the Australian States have now opened funds for London Air Raid Victims. The Melbourne Fund, opened today, received over £60,000 within four hours towards a nominal objective of a quarter million.—Reuter.

SIKANDAR OPPOSED TO DIVISION OF INDIA

LAHORE, Sept. 11.

"I am even to-day opposed to the division of India and I do still believe that there should be no division of the country on any communal basis. In the Punjab, for instance, there can be and should be the rule of no one community but the rule of the Punjabis."

This observation was made by Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, in the course of an interview which he gave to the Tribune representative before leaving for Simla.

The Tribune representative drew Sir Sikandar's attention to the statement made by Malik Barkat Ali with regard to Sir Sikandar's position regarding the Pakistan Scheme after the Bombay resolution of the Muslim League. Sir Sikandar Hyat replying said that his position with regard to the League resolution remained the same after the Bombay resolution as it was after the Lahore resolution. There was absolutely no difference. He held the view that even the League resolution did not contemplate any division of India. —A. P.

Dr. Atal For Bombay

AHMEDABAD, Sept. 13.

Dr. Atal, Leader of the Indian Medical Mission to China after a week's stay here is leaving for Bombay to-night.—A. P.

200 Injured In Factory Explosion

DOVER (New Jersey), September 12.

An explosion wrecked part of the Hercules Powder Factory at Kenvil, five miles from Dover.

Two hundred persons were injured.

The company recently received Government orders involving 40 million dollars.—Reuter.

"MOLOTOV BREAD-BASKET" AGAIN

LONDON, Sept. 13

A. Molotov 'Bread Basket' is thought to have caused fires which damaged about twelve houses in a residential area in north London in last night's raids.

The 'Bread Basket' was followed by incendiary bombs which fell among firemen called to the area. Spent machine gun bullets were also found on the spot but there were no casualties. Incendiary bombs preceded by flares which lit up the whole area.—Reuter.

London's River Passenger Service

LONDON, September 13

Beginning shortly after daylight today, London's new river passenger service between Westminster and Woolwich attracted hundreds of passengers. For ninepence return, passengers are able to cover the distance in considerable comfort. The service is also open to railway season ticket holders and to those with bus and tram return tickets who may choose this alternative means of transport.—Reuter.

Lancashire By-Election

LONDON, September 13.

Sir Edward Cadogan was returned unopposed as Conservative member for Bolton, Lancashire, in a by-election.—Reuter.

Mme. Lupescu Intervened!

How Carol Was Persuaded To Abdicate

BUCHAREST, Sept. 13

The circumstances of King Carol's abdication are briefly described in a communique issued by General Antonescu who says: "At noon on September 5 I was entrusted with the task of forming the Government but at 9 p.m. I was compelled to refuse as everybody I consulted made the King's abdication a preliminary condition to their support. At 4 o'clock next morning King Carol agreed to grant me dictatorial powers. At 9 p.m. the populace was attacking the Prefecture of Police and advancing on the Royal Palace. Supported by Aides-de-camp and other officials I then demanded the King's abdication. King Carol abdicated after intervention by Madame Lupescu who wished to bring the heir to the throne into exile.—Reuter.

IRON GUARDS PARADE IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Sept. 13.

Ten thousand members of the Iron Guard marched through the streets of the capital in celebration of the 13th anniversary of the foundation of the movement. They paraded before the royal palace. General Antonescu kept his troops discreetly out of sight, concealed in buildings and gardens and throughout the morning there was no occasion for them to intervene. In the afternoon, Rumania learned that General Antonescu had decided on a drastic rationing scheme to conserve the country's supplies of bread, meat, oil and soap.—Reuter.

BOMBAY M. L. A.'s TO MEET TO-DAY

Viceroy's Offer To Be Condemned

A meeting of the members of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, convened by the Speaker, the Hon. Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, will be held in the Sunderbai Hall of the Hansraj Pragji Girls' High School, near Central Government Buildings Churchgate, Bombay, at 2 p.m. to-day to condemn the Viceroy's offer. Visitors will be allowed at the meeting. Passes will be issued at the gate.

New Problem Before Rumania

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Rumania is facing a new political problem namely demand for a colony by the German minority.

Representatives of the German minority in the Rumanian Parliament have reinstated their demand in a memorandum to General Antonescu.

They have asked for exemption from service in the Rumanian army, use of the German language and permission to form their own military forces on the Nazi model.—Reuter.

King Michael To Meet Mother

LONDON, September 13

King Michael of Rumania accompanied by a General is meeting his mother on the Yogoslav frontier today.—Reuter.

DELHI OBSERVES HARTAL

NEW DELHI, Sept. 13.

The city is observing 'hartal' to-day as a protest against the present policy of the Government in arresting Congress leaders and workers throughout the country.

A procession will be taken out this afternoon, whereafter a public meeting will be held on the Gandhi Ground.—United

"Forward Bloc" And "Red" Leaflets Proscribed

CALCUTTA, September 11

Two leaflets, one in English, entitled "an appeal to the students of Bengal", and issued by the Forward Bloc, and the other in Bengali entitled "Sarkarer juddhe chanda deo na" (do not pay subscription for Government's war) and issued by the Bengal Committee of the Branch of the Communist Party of India, have been proscribed by the Bengal Government.—A. P.

CHUNGKING MOSTLY IN RUINS

Devastating Effect Of Japanese Air Raids

TOKYO, Sept. 13.

Eighty per cent. of Chungking has been reduced to ashes, by Japanese air raids, according to pilots' estimates contained in a Japanese naval communique, which adds, that Japanese aircraft to-day made the thirty-third raid on Chungking since April 22.—Reuter.

Labour Leaders Gagged

CALCUTTA, Sept. 13.

Mr. Protap Singh, a member of the Bengal Labour Party, who was recently released from imprisonment after serving a month's sentence, has been served with a notice under the Defence of India Rules by the Commissioner of Police, directing him not to deliver any speech at or otherwise take part in any public meeting, procession or assembly for a period of one year.

A similar order has been served on Mr. Abdur Rahim, a member of the Kidderpore Dock Mazdoor Union.—A. P.

HOME INTERNMENT FOR EX-DETENUS

DACCA, Sept. 13.

About half a dozen ex-detenus in the district have been served with orders of internment in their respective village homes, under the Defence of India Rules. The orders will remain in force for six months.—A. P.

Congress Secretary Released

GORAKHPUR, Sept. 13

Mr. Ram Prasad, the acting General Secretary of the Gorakhpur District Congress Committee, who was recently arrested under Rule 55 of the Defence of India Rules for making an alleged prejudicial speeech in the town of Captainganj, was released last night from the Gorakhpur District Jail.—A. P.

M.L.A. Arrested For Defiance Of Order

MADURA, Sept. 13.

Mr. U. Muthuramalinga Thevar, M.L.A., who left Madura last evening in contravention of the order directing him not to leave Madura, was arrested at Tiruppuvanam station by the Madura Police and brought to Madura.

He will be produced before the Additional District Magistrate.—A. P.

Lock-Up For Two Amritsar Congressmen

AMRITSAR, Sept. 12

Two Congress workers were arrested under Rule 38 of the Defence of India Rules for alleged objectionable speeches delivered at a meeting held in Chauk Chhati Khul. They have been sent to the judicial lock-up.—United Press.

Punjab Socialist Jailed

LAHORE, Sept. 13

Munshi Ahmad Din, formerly General Secretary of the Punjab Congress Socialist Party, has been convicted and sentenced to eighteen months' R.I. under Sec. 38 of the Defence of India Act by the Additional District Magistrate, Sargodha. He has been placed in 'C' class.—A. P.

Orissa Congress Office Searched

CUTTACK, Sept. 13.

Mr. Sadashiv Tripathy, M.L.A., informs that the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Koraput District, with a posse of police, searched the Congress office of Nawarangpur yesterday and seized some pamphlets pertaining to contributions to the War Fund issued by the Secretary of the Koraput District Congress Committee.—United Press.

Kolhapur Editor Bailed Out

(From Our Correspondent)

KOLHAPUR, Sept. 13.

Ganesh Shankar Gokhale, Editor "Vidyawilas" was released on bail of Rs. 1.200 this noon by the City Magistrate He was arrested under Defence of India Act for alleged objectionable headings.

SIR MAHARAJ SINGH PRICKS SMUTS' BUBBLE

"IT IS ABSURD TO SPEAK OF INDIANS AS LIVING IN HAPPY CONDITIONS IN S. AFRICA"

SIMLA, Sept. 13.

Sir Maharaj Singh, former Agent-General for India in South Africa has issued the following statement to the Associated Press:

"General Smuts' recent statement that Indians in South Africa are in many respects far happier there than they would be in India needs qualification. While I gladly admit that many Indians are from a material point of view better off in South Africa than they would have been had they remained in their motherland, there are at the same time large numbers of Indians, especially in Natal, who are living in conditions bordering on destitution.

For their condition the South African Government are largely responsible through their failure to provide the same facilities for employment for Indians as for Europeans.

"IT IS ABSURD"

Moreover, it is absurd to speak of Indians as living in happy conditions in South Africa seeing that they are deprived throughout the greater part of that country of Municipal and Political Franchise, though subject to the same taxation as Europeans, and suffer from several social disabilities to a far greater extent than in any other part of the world, and as Sir Raza Ali has rightly pointed out, there has been for several years past increasing anti-Indian legislation.

MORE EUROPEANS DID IT

Lastly, if many Indians have improved their material prospects by going to South Africa, a much larger number of Europeans, both British and Boers, have bettered themselves. After all, most people emigrate to distant countries to earn more money. I gladly state that when I was Agent-General in South Africa, General Smuts, next to Mr. J. Hofmeyr, was the most helpful Minister in regard to matters affecting Indians and I would sooner have him as Prime Minister at the present juncture than any other South African statesman.

One can only hope against hope that a man of his worldwide reputation will not confine the excellent precepts in his speeches to Europeans in South Africa but will include within their scope the Indians and the Africans.—A P.

MR. AMRITLAL OJHA'S WALK-OUT

To Vindicate Status Of President Of Commerce Federation

(From A Correspondent)

The walk-out of Mr. Amritlal Ojha, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, from a luncheon party given to the Hon. the Commerce Member, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, at the Taj on Thursday, the 12th instant, by Mr. C. B. Mehta, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber is the absorbing talk in city business circles.

Mr. Ojha's walk-out was occasioned by his being shunted to a very inconspicuous seat of the table quite unworthy of his status as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The host is the President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, one of the constituent bodies of the Federation of Indian Chambers, of which Mr. Ojha is the elected chief and which virtually makes him the plenipotentiary of the Indian commerce community. The chief guest is the Commerce Member of the Government of India, who has come to the city to establish contact with the commercial opinion of the city, and the purpose of the party could not be anything else but to facilitate such a contact. In the face of these facts one cannot understand the Chief of the Indian Merchants' Chamber relegating the elected head of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce to a corner. Business, status and etiquette demanded that he should have been allotted a place worthy of his position and status. Quite naturally Mr. Ojha walked out to vindicate self-respect and status of the President of the Federation.

After the furore caused in a similar party, when Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta was the Sheriff and Mr. Jamnadas Mehta was the Mayor of the city, which has its echo in the Corporation one would not have expected a repetition of history.

AHMEDABAD, Sept. 13.

Mr. K. T. Shah has been elected President of the Fifth Session of the Bombay Provincial Secondary Teachers' Conference to be held in Ahmedabad from October 22. —A. P.

Expediting Indian Naval Expansion Scheme

Sequel To Entry Of Italy Into War: Australian Shipyards Lend Hand In Construction

SIMLA, September 13

A Press Note states: India's naval power is being steadily increased Vice-Admiral Fitzherbert, Flag Officer Commanding the Royal Indian Navy, will by next year have under his command, the most powerful naval force that India has ever had to keep watch and ward on her immense coastline and vital major ports.

Already, in the early months of the war, the Royal Indian Navy with the heavy responsibilities of providing for local naval defence in its entirety had by intensive efforts increased in its active personnel by over 200 per cent. and had put into commission on a large number of requisitioned merchant vessels equipped with trained crews and armament for minesweeping and anti-submarine patrol. With the entry of Italy into the war, the dangers of piratical attacks on trade routes in the Indian Ocean and on the security of Indian ports greatly increased. Prompt steps were taken to initiate a further programme of Indian Naval expansion to provide still greater defensive and offensive preparedness against potential dangers.

Today, Indian shipyards are at work fulfilling an initial scheme of naval construction up to the capacity of suitable building ships available. In India alone, contracts have been placed for the provision of a number of vessels of varying types, while to expedite the delivery of reinforcements, Australian shipyards are also lending a hand with some of the larger local naval Defence craft required.

In addition, despite the urgent requirements of the Royal Navy elsewhere, the offensive strength of the Royal Indian Navy will, in near future, be increased by the delivery of newly completed sloops of the most modern type. Further stoop construction for the Royal Indian Navy is already in hand.—A. P.

10,500 WANT TO BE PILOTS!

Overwhelming Response To Resume Air Force Scheme

SIMLA, Sept. 13.

Since the Civil Aviation Directorate invited applications, on August 31, from candidates wishing to train as pilots under the Government of India scheme to form a reserve for the air forces, 3,500 applications have been received by the Civil Aviation Directorate and a further seven thousand have been handed over by the Royal Air Force. With another twelve days left before the last date for the receipt of applications it was expected that many more candidates will apply. In view of the considerable time which will be occupied in interviewing so many candidates from whom only three hundred can be selected in the first instance, it has been decided that no applications received after September 25 will be entertained.

A selection board to interview candidates at selected centres has been set up and will commence its tour about the middle of October and the first batch of hundred who are to be trained under this scheme will be allotted for training to the various Flying Clubs immediately after selection.—A. P.

THE GERMAN PLAN:

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duce any results of a decisive character.

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Patiala Dinner

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Has India come to such a sorry pass that one cannot give a dinner party without having the motive, if any, for which it was given, questioned by people who were not invited to the present? However, as Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and others have thought fit to discuss in the press the reasons for the dinner which my friend Sirdar Baldev Singh and I bave in Simla a short while ago, may I be permitted to inform them through your columns that it was given with no purpose other than to do honour to His Highness the Maharajadhiraj of Patiala and to demonstrate the inflexible determination of the Panth to join in the defence of their motherland under His Majesty's flag in the cause of freedom?

The Maulana has also been good enough to give publicity to the report that my name has been proposed for the Executive Council. While my services, are, as ever, at the disposal of the King-Emperor in any capacity, I am not in the market place. The seats of the mighty tempt me no more.

"I have
Put my days and dreams out of mind
Days that are over, dreams that are done."

My only desire is that the full strength of India shall be marshalled to win the war; a desire, which to my regret remains unfulfilled, and is likely to remain unfulfilled unless the Government reconstructs the machinery by which India should be lead to victory.

I may be permitted, also, to take this opportunity of referring to wider and more important considerations which arise from the Maulana's interference in this matter.

His Highness the Maharajadhiraj of Patiala, the premier Prince of the Punjab needs no outside support to step into his rightful position. The Sikh community is not in the habit of begging for places of power; this is left to others, who can betray their Motherland for a mess of pottage.

The Maulana Sahib has taken exception to Master Tara Singh and Sardar Sampuran Singh attending a social function. Has he such a poor opinion of his countrymen that, in these critical days, he is ready to believe that nothing else matters to them, except their own personal advancement? Does he expect 'the faithful' to be false to their religion, to their friends and to their community? I am sure the Maulana Sahib himself, with the culture that he inherits, would not refuse, if he were a Sikh, to join a dinner which united the Panth.

The Congress will have to learn to respect individual liberty and freedom of action, and to endure all men. It will have to find room for the greatest and the meanest, for the non-violent saint and the stout hearted wielder of the sword, if it is to weld the people of India into a nation.

Centuries in their passage have left no trace of the victories of non-violent armies and it will take centuries of evolution to produce a non-violent world. In the meanwhile, violence has to be overcome by those who can wield the sword and are ready to lay down their lives. Let the truly non-violent—and I am afraid their number is few—follow the truth that is in them, but refrain from rendering impotent those who are ready to defend their Motherland with their lives.—Yours, etc.

JOGENDRA SINGH.

Aira Holme,
Simla E.
Sept. 11.

FATAL TAXI-CART COLLISION

MADRAS, Sept. 13.

A woman was killed and five persons including a cartman were injured when a taxi collided with a bullock cart at Royapettah yesterday. The police are investigating.—A. P

ENTIRE COUNTRY WILL BACK CONGRESS

Britain Has Lost Golden Opportunity, Says Ex-Minister

BOMBAY, Friday.

The windows, balconies, and the lanes leading to Vithaldas Road, were packed with an expectant crowd of about ten thousand persons, who had come to-night to hear Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Dr. Syed Mahmud speak.

At about a quarter after nine, Mr. Soondardas Morarjee came and announced that Sardar Patel had told him that none of them would be able to come as they were held up by the Working Committee. Mr. Morarjee Desai addressed the gathering criticising the Government's attitude which he characterised as setting up the minority and majority communities, one against the other.

He was sure that when the Congress came to a final decision about the next step, the entire country would support it.

Replying to those who maintained that the present was not an opportune time for a struggle, Mr. Desai said that the Congress had been fighting for the freedom of India ever since its inception.

He considered that Britain had lost a golden opportunity in rejecting the Congress' offer.

He also spoke of the "total war" in Europe, in which even civilian populations did their bit. When the Congress started a struggle, everyone in the country could do his or her bit in the same way.

Mr. Vaman Rao Mukadam, an M.L.A., from Panchmahals also spoke.

CIPLA BOARD PARTY TO MUDALIAR

Co-operation Between Science & Capital: Commerce Member's Assurance

An assurance that he would do his best for the industrial progress of the country through the development of heavy industries, was given by the Hon. Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Commerce Member, Government of India, at a tea party given in his honour, by the Board of Directors of the Chemical Industrial and Pharmaceutical Laboratories Ltd., on Friday.

Dr. K. A. Hamed, Managing Director, on behalf of the Board extending a cordial welcome to Sir Ramaswamy said that the progress of any country depended upon the development of industries, which in turn depended upon the co-operation between capital and science. He hoped that the Commerce Member would do his best to bring about such co-operation between science and capital.

He hoped that proper consideration would be given to the question of making India self-sufficient in regard to chemical and pharmaceutical products.

Sir Ramaswami in reply observed that the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research would do its best to bring together science and capital for the industrial advancement of the country.

London Victims' Relief Fund

The Governor of Bombay has received a contribution of Rs. 500 with the request that it should be forwarded to the Lord Mayor of London's Fund for the Relief of sufferers in the bombing raids on London.

His Excellency wishes it to be known that any contributions for this purpose may be sent to the Bombay War Gifts Fund, earmarked for the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund, and that arrangements will be made for their immediate transference to London.

MORVI PLANE FUND

RAJKOT, Sept. 13.

The Maharaja of Morvi has contributed 1½ lakhs of Rupees towards the Morvi Plane Fund.—A. P.

Condition Of Gold Workers

Mysore Govt. Appoints Officer To Inquire Into Demands

BANGALORE, Sept. 12.

An independent inquiry into the recent labour strike in the Kolar Gold Fields and into the conditions of employment in the Gold Mining Industry has been ordered by the Mysore Government. Dewan Bahadur K. Mattan, retired first member of Mysore Executive Council, has been appointed to undertake the inquiry as soon as possible.

A Mysore Government order says that a deputation of workers in the gold mines waited upon the Dewan of Mysore to explain their grievances and made representations about the conditions of employment in the Gold Mining Industry. It was ascertained that on similar representations made to the Mining Committee, it was decided to sanction certain increases in the rates of wages and it was expressed that any legitimate complaint, particularly those of an individual nature if brought to notice, would be dealt with suitably.

The representations made to authorities by labour include

Inauguration of a provident fund for all employees,

Licensing the profession of moneylending,

Providing for the regulation of the rate of interests.

Effective exemption from attachment of the wages of all unskilled labour, and of a minimum amount of the wages of skilled labour.

Weekly payment of wages,

Payment of attendance bonus to contract labour as is now being paid to company labour and

Measures to improve the social and economic position of the labourers in the mining area.

The Inquiry Officer has also been requested by the Government to review the progress and the adequacy of the various measures already adopted by the mining companies on the economic and social conditions of workers employed in the Gold Mining Industry. The Officer will also examine the practical effect so far as the labour population on the Kolar Gold Field is concerned, on the several measures of labour legislation in force in the State and to make suggestions to Government calculated to promote the object with which they were enacted.—A. P.

GOVT. SERVANTS AS CIVIC GUARDS

C. P. Govt. Has No Objection

NAGPUR, Sept. 13.

The Government of the C. P. has intimated Government employees that there is no objection to the latter's enrolment as Civic Guards provided the heads of Departments can spare them, Mr. C. M. Trivedi, Chief Secretary, revealed at a Press conference to-day.

Mr. Trivedi stated that nearly twenty persons were undergoing imprisonment in the province under the Defence of India Rules since the beginning of the war and eight were under arrest at present.—A. P.

Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi In Bombay

BOMBAY, September 13

Sir Abdul Halim Guznavi, M.L.A. (Central) and Chairman of the Bengal Co-operative Insurance Society, who came here to attend the meeting of the Export Advisory Council, paid a visit to the office of the Bombay Co-operative Insurance Society today and had long discussions with the manager of the society on questions about the reorganisation of the Bengal Co-operative Insurance Society.

Sir Abdul Halim also visited the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank and discussed matters relating to rural tariff with the Chairman and the Managing Director of the Bank.—United Press.

PROHIBITION CASE

Applications For Certificate To Appeal To Federal Court

RULE ISSUED

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice N. J. Wadia, Mr. Justice Wassoodew and Mr. Justice Sen).

IMPESATOR.

V.

Saver Manuel Dantes.

This was an application, under Rule 172 of the Rules of the High Court (Appellate Side) for Appeals to the Federal Court published on 22nd August 1940, for a certificate for leave to appeal to the Federal Court "from the orders passed by this same Full Bench" on July 1st last in the Prohibition Reference under Section 432 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. In conformity with this opinion expressed by the Full Bench on July 1st, Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate had acquitted the accused who had been charged with an offence under the Bombay Abkari Act 1878 read with the Prohibition Notification of 17th July 1939. In the said Prohibition Reference decided on July 1st there were two questions before the Full Bench:—(1) Whether the Provincial Government had power to introduce total prohibition under Item 31 of the Provincial List appended to the Government of India Act 1935 and (2) Whether there was in existence any effective notification prohibiting the possession of intoxicants by the public generally. Their Lordships had on July 1st decided the second question in the negative on the ground that the notification of 17th July 1939 had already been declared "ultra vires" by a former Full Bench of this High Court on 11th April 1940 and had not been effectively revived by Bombay Act VI of 149 (Governor's Act). With regard to the first question, their lordships in their judgment delivered on July 1st said that that question did not arise as the whole reference was disposed of on the other question but expressed a view by way of "obiter dicta" that a notification introducing Prohibition would even if revived be "ultra vires" the powers of the Provincial Legislature.

Against the decision of July 1st on that Reference the Applicants desired to appeal to the Federal Court under Section 205 of the Government of India Act 1935 on the ground that it was a judgment, decree or final order of the High Court and that "the case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of this Act "(i.e. the Government of India Act, 1935). The argument of the learned Advocate-General for the crown mainly turned on this latter requirement viz. ' whether the case did involve such substantial question of law. The Advocate-General drew the attention of their lordships to the wording of Section 205 which only required that "the case" should involve a question of law, and not that "the decree or order" should involve it. He contended that the word "case' meant the issues arising between the parties though that particular issue might not have been decided by their lordships and the observations with respect to it became "obiter dicta" by reason of their lordships' decision on another issue.

The Advocate-General further contended that the order of July 1st was a "final order" within Section 205 because that expression had been liberally interpreted by the Federal Court itself (1939 F. C. Reports at Page 162).

After hearing the Advocate-General, their lordships ordered the issue of a rule to the other side as required by Rule 173 of the Rules of the High Court (Appellate Side) for Appeal to the Federal Court. The rule will now come on for argument after notice to the other side to show cause why it should not be granted and the certificate to appeal to the Federal Court issued.

A similar order issuing rule was made by their lordships in the allied application for certificate to appeal to the Federal Court "from the dismissal by their lordships on 2nd September of the appeal against the order of acquittal passed by the Magistrate" Mr. K. J. Khambatta in conformity with the opinion of the Full Bench on July 1st.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, with the Government Pleader, Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar, instructed by the Public Prosecutor, Mr. N. K. Petigara appeared for the Crown.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY: Friday.

Sir Victor Sassoon, Air Commodore C. Wright and Mrs. E. F. Norton lunched at Government House, Bombay.

The Governor of Bombay attended by Mr. J. B. Irwin, Secretary; Lt.-Col. L. C. Falk; Military Secretary and Capt. A. St. J. Shuttleworth, Aide-de-Camp, left Bombay and arrived Government House, Ganeshkhind, the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cuffe, Sir John Abercrombie, Lt.-Col. A. J. Ransford, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. A. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. V. Corbett Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Low and Mr. A. McCulloch arrived at Government House, Ganeshkhind.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

It is notified that considerable delay is occurring at present on cheaper classes of telegrams to the United Kingdom and beyond.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

The Terminal Social Gathering of the Wilson High School Old Boys' Union will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-15 p.m. in the School Hall. Mr. K. M. Munshi will preside.

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THIRTY MINUTES
SUFFICIENT!
GOSH! I'VE BEEN TRYIN' TO THINK OF THAT WORD FOR THE LAST TWENTY MINUTES!
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SETALVAD WARNS CONGRESS AGAINST LAUNCHING C. D.

SAYS SATYAGRAHA WILL CREATE GREATER GULF BETWEEN COMMUNITIES

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad has issued the following statement:—

The Working Committee of the Congress at their Wardha meeting having rejected the offer of the British Government as announced in the Viceroy's Statement, meetings of the Working Committee and the A.I.C.C. are to be held in Bombay from to-morrow to decide what further action the Congress should take and Gandhiji has arrived in Bombay to take part in the deliberations. It is necessary shortly to recall the offer of the British Government and the final demands of the Congress. The offer conceded that India was to attain Dominion Status on the same footing as Canada and Australia. Further, the framing of the future constitution should primarily be the responsibility of Indians themselves and should originate from Indian conceptions of the social, economic and political structure of Indian life and that at the end of the war, a representative body of Indians should be called together for that purpose, and that in the meantime, Indians should reach among themselves a basis of friendly agreement on the form which this representative body should take and the methods by which it should arrive at conclusions, and secondly upon the principles and outlines of the Constitution itself. Further, certain number of representative Indians were to be invited to join the Executive Council of the Viceroy.

DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE

The Working Committee of the Congress at its Wardha meeting again insisted on a declaration of Independence for India and the immediate formation of a national government at the Centre responsible to the legislature. It has been repeatedly pointed out that full Dominion Status as promised by the British Government is much better than independence in the present state of the world. As regards the demand for national government at the Centre responsible to the legislature immediately, it will really be prejudging the form of the future constitution of India, the framing of which is to be undertaken at the end of the War by Indians themselves. It is quite certain that the Muslims, Depressed Classes and other interests will not agree to such an immediate change. The whole difficulty of the situation is complete want of unity among the various groups and interests in the Indian political world. The Congress instead of applying its energies to bringing about unity is acting in a manner calculated to lead to still greater disruption. Whether the demands of the Muslims and other groups are unreasonable and exaggerated is beside the point. The fact is there that the Muslims and others have developed intense mistrust of the Congress, and unless that mistrust is removed, the situation will never improve.

"SPORTING OFFER"

The so-called "sporting offer" of Mr. Rajagopalachariar is a political stunt of the same character as the oft-repeated offer of Gandhiji to give a blank cheque to the Muslims. His offer was that the Premier at the Centre should be a nominee of the Muslim League and that such Premier should make a choice of his cabinet. He said that such a coalition national government formed by consent of all elected groups would function without fear of any particular majority in the legislature. Why is Mr. Rajagopalachariar asking the British Government to form such a national government at the Centre? Why does not he and the Congress form such national governments in the provinces? For doing so, no consent of the British Government is necessary. The Congress which is in a majority in seven or eight provinces has to say the word and a coalition government responsible to the legislature can be formed immediately in the provinces. If such governments are brought into existence in the provinces, the present misunderstanding will easily disappear.

NEXT STEP

The question is what is the next step that the Congress is going to take? Judging from the utterances of some of their leaders, it is apparent that direct action and Civil Disobedience may be undertaken. One hopes that those responsible for Congress decisions will think and think wisely. The launching of 'satyagraha' will create greater gulf between the communities and retard the very objects of creating a powerful and united India. Moreover, the Congress leaders have been repeatedly professing that they do not want to embarrass the British Government in the critical situation in which they are placed at present. Do they seriously think that starting Civil Disobedience at this juncture would not be an embarrassment to the British Government? According to Gandhiji, the weapon of 'satyagraha' is to be used for the purpose of melting the heart of the opponent by our suffering. Is it conceivable that the heart of the British people will be melted by the Congress not only refusing to help in the war but actively embarrassing its prosecution? When they are being attacked in a deadly manner by a ruthless enemy, will they not feel that the Congress is stabbing them in the back? From all points of view, it is not in the interests of the country to start civil disobedience at this juncture. If the Congress does so, many thinking people will justly feel that such action is dictated by a desire to maintain and improve the influence of the Congress Party over the unthinking masses. If Satyagraha is started and the leaders go to jail and thus pose as martyrs, they expect to be in greater favour with the people. It is hoped that leaders now assembled in Bombay will think more of the real and vital interests of the country than of maintaining the prestige and position of their party. Whatever grievances and quarrels India has with the British Government, and such grievances and quarrels are grave and many, the fact must be faced that if Britain loses in this war, all hopes of freedom and democracy for India will vanish in thin air for a long, long time.

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

No Shortage In Number Of Cadets Required Anticipated

(From Our Correspondent).

SIMLA, Sept. 13.

No shortage in the number of cadets required for Emergency Commissions is anticipated as a result of the selection now going on in Simla by Central Interview Board which, besides military authorities, includes two nominated members of the Central Assembly. Candidates who number over 400 are being interviewed at the rate of 15 per day for 200 vacancies offered. The selection will be completed by the first week of October.

It may be remembered that at the last selection only 67 were found suitable, though the number of vacancies offered was 100. The reason for the large number of rejections appears to be that in the opinion of the Board many candidates do not show in sufficient degree qualities of leadership required for Army officership.

This raises the question whether the present policy underlying the University Training Corps which merely gives training as "privates" to students is suited to the needs of the situation and whether it would not be better to have Officers Training Corps instead in all Universities so that University students may be appropriately trained for officerships as in the British Universities.

CASE AGAINST "DAILY GAZETTE"

Karachi Editors Hauled Up For Contempt Of Court

KARACHI, Sept. 11.

Full Bench of the Chief Court, consisting of Hon. Chief Justice G. Davis and Justices E. Weston, C. M. Lobo and Hatim Tyabji heard to-day case in which Mr. P. C. Tarapore and Mr. M. S. M. Sharma, Chief Editor and Managing Editor respectively of the "Daily Gazette" appeared before them in response to summons from the Court calling upon them to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of Court.

ORIGIN OF CASE

The case arose from an article in the paper under the heading "An Undesirable State of Affairs" criticising Interim order of the City Magistrate, declining permission to Government to withdraw prosecution launched under Sec. 124-A by the Allabux Ministry against the editor of a vernacular daily, pending before the Court without sufficient reasons therefor.

The article in the "Daily Gazette" stated if the Magistrate's action was in pursuance of a circular, issued by the Chief Judge of the Chief Court enjoining the magistrates in the Province to record sufficient reasons, while granting permission to withdraw prosecutions so as to enable the Chief Court to know that powers invested in magistrates have been properly exercised, then a public protest was necessary "against Judiciary's encroachments into popular liberties". The article further added Government sanction alone should govern prosecutions.

EDITOR'S APOLOGY

Mr. Sharma's counsel at the outset presented an affidavit accepting his client's full responsibility for the article and requested the Court to discharge the notice against Mr. Tarapore.

The Advocate-General arguing first contended that the article was calculated to interfere with the administration of justice and bring the Chief Court into contempt and lower the authority of the Court in the estimation of public. He submitted that the article contained open inducement to Government to non-co-operate with magistracy and incitement to witnesses not to tender evidence.

Mr. Tarapore's counsel expressed regret for the publication of the article and offered unqualified apology to the Court.

WAS IT CONTEMPT?

Mr. Sarma's counsel argued that there was nothing in the article calculated to bring the Court into contempt and contested judicial authority of the circular. Counsel agreed with the Chief Justice's remark that the circular was innocuous and beneficial and maintained it was of administrative nature. Counsel finally submitted if the Court felt that the article was tantamount to bring the Court into contempt his client was prepared to offer apology and tendered same to the Court.

The Bench reserved orders.—A. P.

APPEAL FOR ALL-PARTY AZAD MUSLIM CONFERENCE

Sind M. L. A.'s Charge Against League Leadership

KARACHI, Sept. 12

A suggestion to Moulana Abul Kalam Azad to summon an All party Muslim Conference including those Muslim Leaguers "who are tired of the League's present leadership" is made by Mr. Mahomed Amin Khoso, M.L.A., in a press statement.

He accuses that the League leadership has "not only betrayed India, but also the Muslim community", and adds; "The time has come when Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, who, by virtue of his learning and sacrifice, occupies a unique position among the Muslims of India, should personally lead a campaign against the reactionary forces in his own community."

As an alternative Mahomed Amin suggests that an urgent meeting of the Central Board of the Azad Muslim Conference should be called at Bombay during the sessions of the Congress Working Committee and A.-I.C.C. "to give a definite lead to those Muslims who are prepared to fight shoulder to shoulder with their countrymen for the liberation of their motherland."—United Press.

SAPRU TO DELIVER CONVOCATION ADDRESS AT MYSORE

BANGALORE, Sept. 13.

It is understood that the Rt. Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru will deliver the Convocation Address of the Mysore University to be held on 14th October.—A. P.

CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF SATYAGRAHIS

Bengal Govt. On Holwell Agitation

CALCUTTA, Sept. 13

Replying to a question in the Bengal Assembly this evening, the Home Minister Sir Nazimuddin said that there are about 1,500 Khaksars in Bengal. But he had no information as regards their present programme and their organisations. He admitted that one Government Officer had enlisted himself as a member of this movement.

The Minister, however, added that so far no such activities of the Khaksars in the province had come to his notice which were subversive to law and order. The Khaksars in Bengal had made an offer of co-operation to the Government of Bengal, but the offer had not so far been accepted

Replying to another question regarding the Holwell Monument agitation, the Home Minister said that the Government had decided upon the removal of the monument at an early date and that the Satyagrahis arrested and convicted in connection with the movement, would be released under certain conditions.—A. P.

Frontier M.L.A. Invited To Kashmir Conference

PESHAWAR, Sept. 12

Khan Abdul Qaiyum Khan, M.L.A. (Central) has been invited by Sheikh Abdullah, Kashmir leader, to attend the All-Jammu and Kashmir National Conference which will be held at Barmula from September 27 to 29 under the presidentship of Sardar Budh Singh.—A. P.

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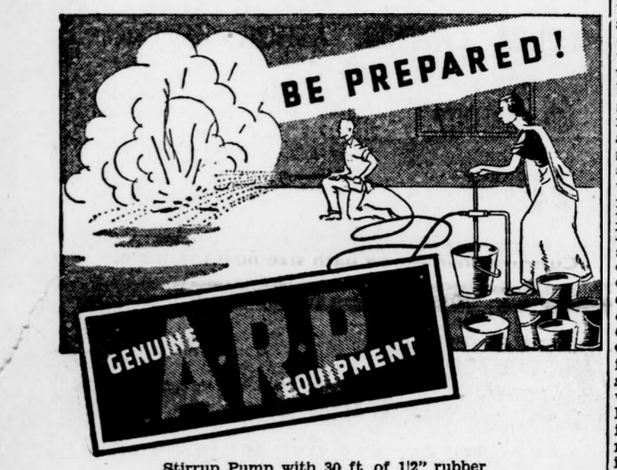

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LEELA CHITNIS AND BOMBAY TALKIES

The Publicity Officer, Bombay Talkies Ltd., writes on September 10, 1940 as follows:—

"Reports have recently been appearing in the press, to the effect that Miss Leela Chitnis has left the Bombay Talkies to join or promote a new production Company.

"The fact is that Miss Chitnis continues to be under contract with the Bombay Talkies. She has been granted temporary leave of absence, with permission to appear in one film elsewhere. Her appearance in future Bombay Talkies production, will depend on the normal needs of the Bombay Talkies production programme. In any case, there is not the slightest ground for the suggestion that Miss Chitnis will no longer work for the Bombay Talkies.

Devayani Will Be A Musical

From the rushes that have been reviewed on the studio theatre, it seems, the production of Devayani is going to give a pleasing entertainment to the cine-going public with its alluring and melodious songs of "Devayani" acted by Padma Shaligram and that of Kacha portrayed by the Radio star Prof. Suresh Babu, who also looks to the musical side of this polished screen-play.

Recording by Ahluwalia is of a very high standard and the photography by Purohit will be a feast to the eyes.

Devayani will be screened during the middle of September in all important towns of Maharashtra.

CHITRA PICTURES.

The name of the new Film Company started by the star of the day Leela Chitnis, in partnership with Mr. C. R. Gvalani, and Mr. M. Bhavnani is Chitra Pictures. It is now learnt that Mr. Agarwal of Khandesh is not a partner of the concern, and the only three partners are those named above.

Some Bombay papers have published the report that the Sudama Productions are about to close because of some misunderstanding between Dr. Patel and Director Badami. I understand, on good authority that the rumour is entirely inaccurate and spread about by some parties interested in doing harm to Sudama Productions.

On Thursday afternoon, at the first Zanana show of 'Lapandav' at New West End, Vanamala, addressed the gathering of Ladies. She did not concur with those, who voted against educated ladies joining the film line. She saw no reason why respectable ladies should not enter this line. According to her, this profession was as good as any other. She warned those, who thought that the job of acting involved no strenuous work.

At the Capitol at 10-30 a.m. "Swiss Miss" with Laurel and Hardy will be shown on Sunday.

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Special Charm Of 'Bharosa

High Moral Tone Of Sohrab's Direction

By merely transcribing a scenario into a motion picture with the aid and co-operation of artists, technicians and craftsmen, a film director is not entitled to any high tributes. It is only when the picture bears the distinctive stamp of his individuality both in presentation and treatment, that the true greatness of the director is acknowledged and admired by the critics as well as lay picture-goers. In selecting an original theme with its high moral trend, and in handling the rather difficult psychological subject with perfect equanimity and consumate artistry, Sohrab Modi has shown his directorial skill. To illustrate this point further, one has only to select a few sequences from the picture, such as for instance those in which Rasik overpowered by temptation falls victim to the passionate desire. The trouble starts when Shobha requests him on the phone to take her to a social gathering. With a wish to avoid her company Rasik declines the request.

Let, the passion draws him to her place. Both of them attend the function. And it is in this sequence that Sohrab Modi has cleverly shown the effects of the atmosphere on Shobha. The continued whispers and the threatened storm act on Shobha's mind who suddenly leaves the place. Accompanied by Rasik, they come to her apartments. The thunder and storm outside, and the raging passion within the heart make Rasik mad. In the mad moment he lifts up fainted Shobha and carries her to the bed room. And thus the evil triumphs. With adequate sound effects, proper lighting and the varied pitch of dialogue and appropriate music Sohrab Modi succeeds in creating the desired effect, cleverly increasing the tempo and suspense.

Menaka and Abu Bakar in 'Bharosa' at Minerva.

"Reshmi Sari" Running From 20th September

Paramount's latest release 'Reshmi Sari' relates in a very straight and humorous strain, the Eve's inextinguishable passion for the beautiful—the yearning to eat the Forbidden Fruit and suffer distress in consequence.

A country wife fancies a rich lady's silk sari and assured that only city could get her means enough to drape herself in silk and lead a life of comfort. She carries her husband to the city, the whirl of whose mad, pitiless life catches them into eddies which take them down to the very bottom of sorrow and suffering before they escape the whirlpool and set foot on sure ground. Shanker Vazre and Kanta, the leading characters of the picture have given noteworthy performance. Moti, Bose, Puri and Ali, too have done their parts well.

It will be shown at Lamington Talkies from 20th September.

'Narsi Bhagat' Will Be A Tremendous Success

Of all the devotional films so far brought to the screen Prakash's Narsi Bhagat which opens at Krishna this evening, is supposed to be extraordinary in several respects. In the first place the story of the film which is based on the life of Narsi Mehta contains all the ingradients of a truly great picture with vast popular appeal.

Secondly, the film has finest cast (which is headed by Mr. Vishnupant Pagnis and Durga Khote ever assembled for a film of this type. In the third place the picture is overflowed with beautiful melodies and Bhajans superbly sung and rarely heard on the screen before.

At the Regal at 10-30 a.m. "Les Miserables" with Frederic March, Charles Laughton and Sir Cedric Hadwicke will be shown on Sunday.

Kishore Sahu and Snehaprabha Pradhan

Film Stars Wed

Snehaprabha Pradhan And Kishore Sahu

Two well-known film personalities were united in wedlock on Friday when Mr. Kishore Sahu and Miss Snehaprabha Pradhan were married by the Registrar of Civil Marriages.

Mr. Kishore Sahu, a graduate of Nagpur University, who made his film debut in Bombay Talkies "Jeevan Prabhat" was mainly instrumental in organizing and floating India Artists Ltd., for whom he produced "Bahu Rani", thus achieving the distinction of becoming India's youngest producer. At present he is being starred in a Bombay Talkies picture now under production.

By a happy coincidence Kishore Sahu's leading lady in this film is none else than his bride, for Miss Pradhan, too, is under contract with the Bombay Talkies for the Star role in this picture.

Forsaking her medical studies for the screen, Miss Pradhan first appeared in Sagar's "Civil Marriage" and later scored a hit in Hindustan Cinetone's "Saubhagya". Before signing her present contract with Bombay Talkies she appeared in Sudamas' "Sajni" and made another picture for Ranjit.

After her marriage, Miss Pradhan will be known on the screen by her first name—Snehaprabha.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only the parents and families of the bride and bridegroom being present.

STUDIO SPY'S Discoveries

In the contest for Indian Screen Stories for Hollywood—the results have been made known. NOT ONE STORY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED!!

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All the stories received so far have not been up to the standard for foreign production—so far as story, theme, construction, plot etc., are concerned. Out of the over four score stories received (which is a pitiful number for India),—possibly two or three could be adopted for Indian production.

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Ram Bagai wishes to express his gratitude to all who submitted stories. If they wish their manuscript returned—they should request same of him—C/o American Express Bombay enclosing postal expenses.

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It has been exclusively learned by the "Chronicle"—that Ram Bagai has already concluded arrangements to take a couple of Indian films with him to Hollywood. One film made over two years ago by a well-known Calcutta film concern and another recently made in Bombay may prove distinctive hits in America. He is taking some shorts also with him to make up a balanced Indian programme. Mr. Bagai may make more additions before he sails.

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The thousands of Prabhat fans all over the country will be pleased to know that Mr. Shantaram will be soon taking up the life of the great Persian poet, philosopher and astronomer-Omar Khayyam for his next picture. The scenario of Omar Khayyam has been written by Messrs. Baburao Patel and Ahmed Abbas and the dialogue will be done in all probability, by Dr. Syed Abid Hussain of the National Muslim University, Delhi.

At Bandra Talkies will be screened Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer "Marie Antoinette" starring Norma Shearer and Tyrone Power at 10-30 a.m. on Sunday.

Film History By 'Bandhan'

Nation-Wide Career Of Box Office Records

The happiest studio in the country to-day would appear to be the Bombay Talkies Ltd. For "Bandhan" is doing what no other Bombay Talkies picture has done so far. Nearly half-a-lakh in the first four weeks—that has been the box office yield of "Bandhan" at the Roxy, the premier Indian theatre in Bombay. That is by far the biggest collection made by any Indian talking picture in that city.

Similar are the reports from all other cities where "Bandhan" has so far been released; viz. Simla, Lahore, Delhi, Allahabad and Lucknow. A unique feature of "Bandhan" is that every aspect of the picture has caught the public imagination. The most fastidious sections of the press have not found fault with any side of it as a whole. The picture is so perfectly balanced in all aspects.

If precedence must be given, it should probably go to the songs and music in "Bandhan". For, the songs have quickly become favourites with adults and children alike. Records of "Bandhan" songs are about to be released; and the H.M.V. are reported to have on hand a mass of advance orders from dealers and individuals, that constitutes a record for the songs from any film!

Robert Taylor's New Film

Frank Borzage will direct Robert Taylor in his new vehicle "Flight Command". This film is scheduled to go into production soon at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios with J. Walter Ruben as producer. It will be Taylor's first picture since his recent outstanding success in Waterloo Bridge.

Kanta Kumari in 'Reshmi Sari' coming to Lamington.

Outstanding Telugu Film At Broadway On Sunday

One of the most successful pictures produced in the Telugu Language, which represents the progress made by the South Indian Film Industry, will be shown to-morrow morning at 10-30, at Broadway Talkies, Dadar, for the benefit of South Indian Residents in Bombay.

It is "Malli Pelli" a social picture produced by Jagdish Films, Madras starring Kanchanmala reputed to be the most beautiful girl on the South Indian Screen, and Y. V. Rao, who has won enviable reputation as a star.

Messrs. Damle and Fatehlal who made "Tukaram" are busy with the rehearsals of "Sant Sakhu", the famous devotee and persecuted daughter-in-law.

The second photo-drama "Narada's wedding" of Saraswati featuring that well-known comedian Dinkar Kamanna as Narad and Kusum Deshpande will be a picture of great comedy and the set of children between the ages of 3 and 8 who will feature in this picture will be the finest ever seen in a Motion Picture of the better type of comedy pictures.

Jayshree, who has put her heart and soul into the role of Sakhu, is living the character even during the rehearsals. One of the special features of the picture, is the music which is in the able hands of Mr. Keshavrao Bhole. He is also composing background music with special effects to suit the new type of story.

The "Bridegroom" of Saraswati has been wandering for suitable brides and other paraphernalia and the Director K. Narayan Kale has already seen his character players but are they contemplating to filmatise it in double version—if not in three languages—as the story has an universal appeal.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's mightiest jungle adventure drama "Trader Horn" will be shown at the Metro at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Khurshid in 'Musafir' At Opera House.

'ADMI' & 'WATERLOO BRIDGE'

Mr. S. G. Apte writes:—

A certain similarity between Prabhat's "Admi" and Metro Goldwyn Mayer's "Waterloo Bridge" has raised a storm in the tea cup of film journalism. But the one valuable conclusion to be drawn from the similarity appears to be wholly missed.

Much has been made of the similarity in certain sound effects in both these films. It is an obvious impossibility, from the times and places of the production of these two films, that any one of them inspired the other. But the similarity of sound effects employed in corresponding situations in both stories, is unmistakable.

The obvious explanation is that screen music is governed by definite laws, tacit or explicit; and that two screen directors working independently but with equal intelligence,—will follow the same laws in their respective efforts at obtaining similar results.

This is the conclusion that should give our film industry some food for thought.

Premiere Of 'Alakh Niranjan At Novelty

The readers might be recollecting that when Arun's mythological Marathi hit 'Gorakhnath' was screened at Central Cinema, it received warm response from the city cinegoers. Yet many cinegoers who were not acquainted with the Marathi language were clamouring for the release of its Hindustani version entitled 'Alakh Niranjan'.

In response to the pressing demand the management of Novelty Talkies will be screening at their theatre Arun's "Alakh Niranjan" from this week in Hindustani. The Premiere will be held on Saturday afternoon

Matchless Juvenile Performances In "Dnyaneshwar"

Seventeen weeks of very popular run has rooted Prabhat's "Dnyaneshwar" firmly in the public mind—and at the Central Cinema. The picture has vitally enough to keep it running as many weeks again; and, meanwhile, nothing seems to be able to shake it or to affect the steady stream of filmgoers gathering to the Central from all parts of the City and the suburban area.

A considerable factor conducing to these "repeat" audiences is the children's liking for "Dnyaneshwar." A poll among filmgoing-children would undoubtedly place "Dnyaneshwar" at the top of all films of this year and all years. The story of "Dnyaneshwar" is told simply and picturesquely, and children as much admire the picturesque, as they love simplicity. Again the child stars in "Dnyaneshwar" give such beautiful performances, that while impressing adult audiences they establish a genuine bond of affection with child spectators.

Director Sarvottam Badami is busy finishing the next Sudama production 'Bhai Behen' in which Sabita Devi, Ishwarlal and Yakub will be the prominent stars.

Rose as heroine of 'Sanskar' National studio's Release

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Badminton

Western India Championships

PATWARDHAN IN SINGLES FINAL: LEWIS IN ANOTHER SPARKLING DISPLAY

Good Badminton was seen at the Bombay Gymkhana, when five semi-finals were fought out. Things in some of the ties were not as contested as anticipated, but the last match of the session was more than excellent and made up for any disappointment.

This was a mixed affair, G. L. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis opposing J. Agnel and and Miss Mistri. To say 'the former won, would be a flat statement the Lewis's triumphed is more correct, and it was George Lewis' match winning prowess that was the factor here.

Fans were astonished and disappointed, as in the first set before J. Agnel and Miss Mistri the Punjab pair appeared tame and more than one was surprised to see a combination with an all-India reputation succumb in the first set (15-5).

Lewis heartened, and one could see a consultation, probably advice to Mrs. Lewis, who was letting eagerness overstep the mark of cool tournament play. There was improvement in the second set and the Northern India couple took a lead of four points before allowing one to their opponents. The former then skipped to nine, thanks to some superb cross court adventure by Lewis. Twelve-one 12-2, 12-6, followed. Then Agnel with his usual gameness tried a rally and collected three points (12-7).

Unfortunately Miss Mistri, who was brilliant in the first set, appeared to fade away, and Agnel was deprived of the same good support he had received. The Lewis and Mrs. Lewis got their service at 12-7, and ran out.

Most people gave the Lewis and partner the third set, and everything was panning out in this way; Lewis exploiting fully cross court tactics, well mixed with brainy placing, further. Mrs. Lewis had steadied down and came in, when called upon, with some good work at the net.

After allowing Agnel and Miss Mistri a lead 3-1, the tally was squared. Then the Bombay pair conceded the advantage to their opponents who scored as follows. 5-3, 8-3. Agnel was not deterred and made things 8-5. Lewis and partner were in again and spurted to 14-6. Agnel would not have it, and with the service coming to him and Miss Mistri, the pair made the boards indicate 14-10. A little over-excitement on Miss Mistri's part, serving second, put the Lewis combination in again. The Northern India couple failed to make the deciding point. Bombay fans moaned to see both, Miss Mistri and Agnel, make no use of their service. The game and match was won by Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, 5-15, 15-7, 15-10.

Great things are expected from G. D. Patwardhan in the men's singles. He was impressive on Friday, when he eleminated J. Agnel, who gives the best of opponents a run before crying halt.

It does not seem difficult to spot the winner of the Women's Singles Title. Mrs. Maneckshaw, with Miss P. de Lima out of the way, should not have difficulty in accounting for Miss Vacha. Mrs. Maneckshaw displayed great form against Mrs. Lewis and won as she liked, 11-5, 11-2.

Miss Vacha beat Mrs. Nouger in the second semi-final of the Women's Singles. Many critics, however, felt that, had Mrs. Nouger kept to the early tactics she adopted in the second set by keeping her opponent near the base line, she would have got the better of the issue eventually. These tactics put Mrs. Nouger in to the lead (9-3) in the second set. She then allowed Miss Vacha up to the net, where the latter is in her element, and in a twinkling of an eye the scorer proclaimed nine-all. Miss Vacha, buoyed by this recovery, kept on her toes and won (12-9).

K. M. Rangnekar and Miss P. de Lima were too good for Harnarain and Mrs. J. N. Kerr, whom they beat 15-2, 15-10. Rangnekar is always good but Miss P. de Lima was positively brilliant, there was no flaw in her work. One regrets to feel that Miss de Lima is out of the Women's Singles as a Maneckshaw—de Lima final, would have been great. The writer, for one, felt very dissatisfied at Miss de Lima's elimination—luck of the game. Coming back to the Mixed Doubles business, few can see Lewis and Mrs. Lewis beating Rangnekar and Miss de Lima.

The following are Friday's results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.

Semi-finals— Mrs. Maneckshaw beat J. Agnel 15-8, 15-12.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.

Semi-finals—Mrs. Maneckshaw beat Mrs. Lewis, 11-5, 11-2; Miss Vacha beat Mrs. Nouger 11-6, 12-9.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Semi-finals—K. M. Rangnekar and Miss P. de Lima beat Harnarain and Mrs. Kerr 15-2, 15-10. G. L. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis beat J. Agnel and Miss Mistri, 5-15, 15-7, 15-10.

To-day's Games

The following matches will be played this evening.

5-45 p.m. WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL:—Miss P. de Lima and Miss P. Vachha Vs. Mrs. Maneckshaw and Miss M. R. Vimadalal.

6-15 p.m. SEMI-FINAL MEN'S SINGLES:—G. L. Lewis Vs. R. N. Kanga.

6-45 p.m. MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL:—G. D. Patwardhan and K. M. Rangnekar Vs. Zahur Ahmed and Harnarain.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES.

5-30 p.m. MEN'S SINGLES FINAL:—G. L. Lewis or R. N. Kanga Vs. G. D. Patwardhan.

6-00 p.m. LADIES SINGLES FINAL:—Miss F. Vachha Vs. Mrs. Maneckshaw.

6-30 p.m. MIXED DOUBLES FINAL:—G. L. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis Vs. K. M. Rangnekar and Miss P. de Lima.

The Hon'ble Sir John W. F. Beaumont, Kt., K. C. Chief Justice of Bombay has kindly consented to preside.

Ambala Heroes Win

NEW DELHI, Sept. 13.

In the Mohendra Memorial Cup Football Tournament to-day the Ambala Heroes defeated Simla Youngs by four goals to nil.

In the first half the winners scored three goals Rashid two and Chatterji. 1.

Resuming, Simla tried hard to reduce the lead, but failed. Ambala Heroes completed their tally through Kanahai.

Satiranjan Memorial Shield Tournament

WEEK-END FIXTURES

The following matches will be played at the St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel, during this week-end.

TO-DAY (SATURDAY.)

4-40 p.m. St. Mary's Old Boys vs. Khatau Sports.

5-40 p.m. W. I. A. A. Staff vs. Caltex.

TO-MORROW (SUNDAY.)

4-40 p.m. St. Xavier's College 'A.' vs. "Times of India".

5-40 p.m. B. B. & C. I. Railway vs. B. E. S. T.

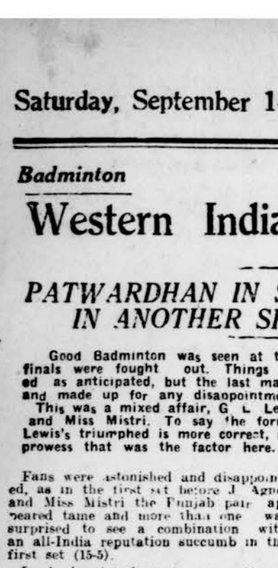
BURMA VOLUNTEER AIR UNIT

RANGOON, Sept. 13.

A Burma Volunteer Air Unit is being raised as a war measure to provide for the Local Air Defence of Burma and for air co-operation with the land and naval forces of Burma. All British subjects resident in Burma and otherwise suitable are eligible. The unit will start training operations on October 1.

NATIONAL SERVICE FOR EUROPEANS

The Speaker read in the House of Representatives to-day a message from the Governor of Burma stating that His Excellency had enacted the National Service for European British Subjects Act. The measure provides for compulsory service of European British subjects either in the armed forces or in civil works.—A. P.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TO-DAY'S RACES

Selections By "ORR"

The Big Meeting at Poona is almost drawing to a close. The penultimate day of the Big Meeting has attracted fair fields for the nine events scheduled for decision to-morrow. The Indian Breeders Stakes for Indian Breds in starred class and classes three and four, will be the chief attraction of the day.

Bright Lad which has some successes to his credit from the South, has an outstanding chance in this event. Eager Tit and Pom Pom are safe place bets. For an upset, I must be true to Mr. Ardeshir's mare Miss O. K.

My selections for the day are:—

FIRST RACE—
ADWAN AL MULUK 1
YOUNG TIGER 2
SHERIFF ..... Fluke

SECOND RACE—
MISS CHIEF 1
BLACK CUSHION 2
RESPITE ..... Fluke

THIRD RACE—
GOLDEN MANTLE 1
FINAL GLANCE 2
BRITTAS BELLE ..... Fluke

FOURTH RACE—
HAND BELL 1
FAKHR UL MULUK 2
DRY SHERRY ..... Fluke

FIFTH RACE—
DR. MARY 1
NOT OUT 2
GILDEROY ..... Fluke

SIXTH RACE—
BACHELOR'S BARD 1
BASTION 2
LINGFIELD ..... Fluke

SEVENTH RACE—
BRIGHT LAD 1
EAGER TIT 2
MISS O. K. ..... Fluke

EIGHTH RACE—
HASHIM 1
SALLAL PASHA 2
DALLI AL LRAQ ..... Fluke

NINTH RACE—
LORD BYRON 1
SIR ROBIN 2
APPLE JELLY ..... Fluke

DAILY DOUBLE
GOLDEN MANTLE & BACHELOR'S BARD.

DAILY TREBLE
DR. MARY, BRIGHT LAD & HASHIM.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

City Police Win Harwood League Second Division

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

After a protracted run of over three months, the second division of the Harwood Football League came to an end on Tuesday last. The City Police and the W. I. A. A. Staff tied for the first place, having scored equal number of points, namely 27 each. But the Police claimed the advantage of a superior goal average. Though the difference was slight, they had to be awarded the Championship in accordance with the rules of the competition. Everybody, I am sure, would have liked to see both these teams fighting for the honour in a deciding match. That would certainly have been the most satisfactory way. I hope the W. I. F. A. would alter the rules accordingly from next year.

CREDIT TO CIVILIAN TEAMS

The premier positions having gone to the above teams, the third place was taken up by the Y. M. C. A. who were five points behind the leaders. The Young Men have done exceedingly well this season with the senior team standing second in the first Division and the junior team third the second division. It is very creditable on the part of the civilian teams to occupy such high positions with the military teams like the Welch Regiment and Transit section standing lower down. There is no doubt civilian football in Bombay is taking rapid strides and it would not be long before they are fit to measure strength with everybody on equal terms.

SATIRANJAN SHIELD.

The Satiranjan Memorial Shield Tournament is still dragging on at Parel. It was scheduled to finish on September 1. But the engagements in the Rovers Cup came in the way and match after match had to be postponed. The tournament has now reached the penultimate stage. The B. B. and C. I. Railway will now battle with the B.E.S.T. in the first semi-final a the City Police with the Y.M.C.A. in the second. It is hoped the final will be played off on September 29.

In the meanwhile, two junior tournaments, Das Cup and Junior Rovers, are going on. Probably they will run into October before they are completed.

HINRICHS MEMORIAL.

Then there is the Hinrichs Memorial Tournament which will be inaugurated this year at the Cooperage. It is open to all teams affiliated with the W.I.F.A. It will start on September 21, closing entries on the 16th. Though rather late in the season, it is sure to be an attraction for footballers in this city. Unfortunately the Welch Regiment are unable to compete owing to their military duties. But the others are all likely to join—at any rate to brighten up the memory of the late Mr. A. C. Hinrichs who did such a lot to foster football on the side of India. A beautiful shield has been prepared to be used as a trophy for this Tournament.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

While soccer has been prominently occupying the sporting stage, Badminton has been treating its enthusiasts to some really good game. The Western India Championships conducted by the Bombay Gymkhana has now reached its final stage. Our local stars have been doing exceedingly well against the Punjab contingent. The latter are also exhibiting their talents in a remarkable way. It remains to be seen who will come out successful in the end in the various events. Bombay is sure to claim a good share of the trophies. In any case, local enthusiasts will have some fine treats during the next two or three days.

Takli Competition At Khar

(From A Correspondent).

A Takli Competition was held at Khar recently. The following were awarded the prizes: 1st Prize. Master Abhimanyu (Khar); 2nd Prize. Master Nandlal (Kher Wadi); 3rd Prize. Miss Vatsala (Kamdar). The prizes were distributed to them by Syt Jivraj Mankanji Mehta. The next Takli Competition will be held during the Gandhi Jayanti Week. Those wishing to participate are requested to send their names by September 20 to Shrimati Harshdaben Diwanji, 15th Road, Khar.

WEATHER REPORT

POONA: Sept. 13.

The following is the maximum and the minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at the various stations during the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. to-day:

STATIONS	Temperature Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Rainfall Past 24 hours	Rainfall Total since June 1	Rainfall Departure from normal
Chittagong	87	76	0.3	61.9	−6.7
Calcutta	90	75	2.7	39.6	−1.9
Cuttack	93	80	0.0	54.5	+14.5
Ranchi	85	71	0.0	40.9	−0.7
Patna	93	81	0.0	35.3	−1.9
Gorakhpur	94	78	0.0	27.7	−10.4
Benares	95	76	0.0	35.5	+4.3
Allahabad	95	76	0.0	20.3	.....
Cawnpore	102	79	0.0	15.2	−13.7
Lucknow	97	76	0.0	27.3	−3.5
Jhansi	96	75	0.0	29.0	−1.3
Agra	97	73	0.0	14.2	−7.6
Bareilly	96	75	0.0	44.2	+9.7
Dehra Dun	87	68	0.0	52.3	−17.2
Delhi	86	73	0.0	17.7	−2.5
Ambala	96	73	0.0	30.1	−1.3
Ludhiana	96	71	0.0	21.3	+1.3
Lahore	95	71	0.0	7.7	−6.5
Sialkot	93	69	0.0	29.1	+8.0
Rawalpindi	92	54	0.0	21.1	−0.1
Lyallpur	95	7b	0.0	3.2	−7.2
Multan	98	77	0.0	3.2	−1.7
Srinagar	77	49	0.0	8.1	+1.3
Peshawar	95	69	0.0	1.6	−2.7
Dehra I. Khan	95	75	0.0	2.5	−2.7
Fort Sandeman	88	65	0.0	3.2	−1.9
Quetta	82	46	0.0	0.6	.....
Rangoon	86	76	1.0	80.7	+14.2
Khandwa	90	71	0.0	30.1	+6.3
Nagpur	93	77	0.0	59.7	+21.0
BOMBAY	88	76	0.0	80.1	+18.0
Ratnagiri	85	75	0.0	86.6	−1.8
Ahmednagar	89	65	0.0	15.1	+0.8
Poona	94	64	0.0	13.3	−4.0
Sholapur	95	72	0.0	18.3	+0.9
Hyderabad (Dn.)	87	74	0.0	16.2	−4.5
Bangalore	84	68	0.0	12.8	−2.7
Mysore	84	66	0.0	16.8	+5.7
Calicut	86	75	0.0	98.5	+15.1
Madras	94	73	0.4	11.1	−1.4
Shillong	77	62	1.1	49.3	−0.1
Darjeeling	69	57	T	73.0	−23.1
Simla	70	57	0.0	38.9	−5.9
Pachmarhi	80	66	0.0	83.5	+19.7
Kodaikanal	64	53	0.1	18.0	−1.2
Colombo	85	73	1.7	17.5	−1.2
Jacobabad	96	78	0.0	2.0	−0.2
Hyderabad (Sd.)	96	75	0.0	4.5	−3.2
Karachi	85	74	0.0	4.6	−1.2
Jaipur	94	73	0.8	25.9	+5.4
Ajmer	89	70	0.4	24.8	+7.4
Deesa	92	73	0.0	15.7	−5.3
Rajkot	93	68	0.0	14.8	−7.9
Ahmedabad	92	76	0.0	16.4	−9.0
Bhopal	88	71	0.0	39.5	.....
Akola	93	74	0.0	31.3	+7.9
Amraoti	90	72	0.2	32.3	+7.5
Indore	87	67	T	36.0	+9.2
Marmagoa	84	76	0.0	108.6	.....
Malegaon	89	63	0.0	11.1	−3.8
Mussoorie	69	57	0.0	81.8	+14.0
Mahableshwar	72	58	0.1	224.7	−18.5
Baroda	91	74	0.0	16.5	.....
Bahawalpur	96	73	0.0	3.9	+0.1
Belgaum	84	65	0.0	39.1	3.1
Murree	70	54	0.0	32.6	−1.0
Cherrapunji	77	69	1.3	246.1	−46.9
Bijapur	93	72	0.2	8.4	−2.4
Dalhousie	74	57	0.0	55.6	+1.2
Mount Abu	72	63	0.8	146.4	−7.6
Ootacamund	68	45	0.0	22.2	−1.4
Jodhpur	93	76	0.0	10.0	−0.7
Gwalior	96	79	0.0	12.1	.....

T indicates rainfall from 1 to 4 cents. —A. P.

Daily Weather Summary

POONA, Sept 13

Fairly widespread thundershowers have occurred in Bengal, Madras Deccan, local thundershowers in Assam, south Hyderabad, north Madras coast, while a few falls are reported in Orissa, Chota Nagpur, Bihar, Berar, east Rajputana, Bombay Deccan and southeast Madras.

Temperatures continue to be appreciably below normal and extreme in north country. —A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 13-9-1940.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. −.004 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 80.6 degrees.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 76.3 degrees.
Maximum temperature during 24 hours 87.7 degrees 2.7 (above normal)
Minimum temperature during 24 hours 77.3 degrees 1.9 (above normal)
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 81 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NE
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 5 miles per hour
Total movement of wind in 24 hours 142 miles
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 15 miles per hour
Extent of cloud at 5 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 8
Rain in 24 hours 0.00 inches
Total rainfall during the month 0.82 inches
Total rainfall during the year 81.49 inches
Weather remark: Drizzle.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 5,550 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 18 hrs. 59 mts. (I.S.T.) on 12th September, 1940.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 13-9-40

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 83.7 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.13 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.92 inches.

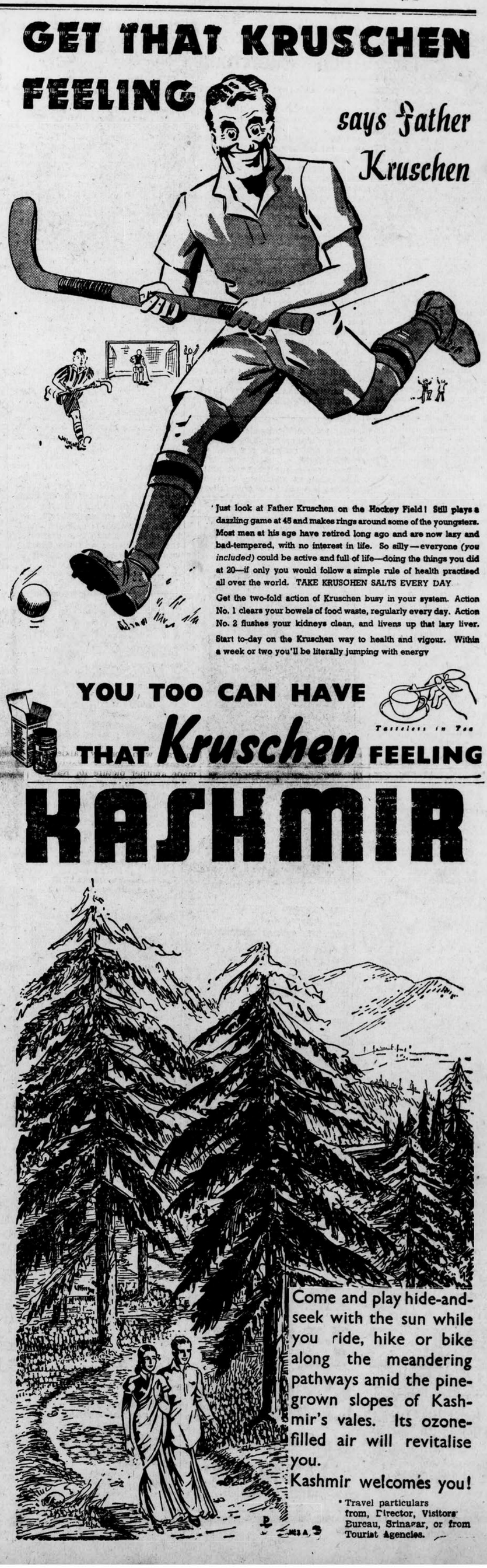
For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

I. C. S. OFFICER IN CUSTODY

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 13.

An Indian I.C.S. Officer created a sensation here. The Officer was posted as Assistant Settlement Officer in an Eastern District of these provinces and came on leave to Allahabad. On his arrival he visited Anandbhawan (Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's residence) and several other places. At one time he it is alleged telephoned to the police and told them that a riot had occurred. This led to his arrest and he was taken to the District Magistrate, who ordered his detention in Naini Central Jail, pending further enquiry.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Sensational Arrest Of Aden Merchant

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Ravjibhai Purshotamdas Patel, a merchant of Aden, was arrested yesterday by the Bombay C. I. D. under rule 19 (1) (a) of the Defence of India Rules.

Applying for a remand of the suspect into custody, the police stated that Mr. Patel arrived in Bombay as a passenger aboard a steamer yesterday. The Customs Authorities found on the person of the accused a duplicate key to a private code, which, it was stated, was intended for use between himself and his uncle, who is at Aden.

The police wanted time to make inquiries and therefore applied for a remand before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court.

Mr. C. N. Kanuga, who appeared for the suspect, applied for bail.

In rejecting the bail application, the Magistrate observed that on the person of the suspect had been found a cipher code, which, when translated, contained a complete code of "inestimable military significance and value." The suspect was remanded till September 16.

AYURVEDIC COLLEGE FOR JAMNAGAR

JAMNAGAR, Sept. 9.

Owing to the keen interest taken by the Maharanj of Jamnagar in the Ayurvedic Science of medicines, it has been arranged to start an Ayurvedic Institution in Jamnagar.

A building is being put up on a modest scale to be extended as required, just opposite the Irwin Hospital and it is expected to be completed very soon when as a first instalment of the scheme, patients will be treated with Ayurvedic medicines.

Kolhapur's Quota To War Purposes Fund

SIMLA, Sept. 12.

A communique states:—His Highness the Maharaja of Kolhapur, who has already contributed Rs. 1,00,000 towards H. E. the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, has offered to contribute a sum of Rs. 1,50,000 annually towards the cost of a motor transport unit to be raised in his State. This further offer has been gratefully accepted by H. E. the Viceroy.—A. P.

British Orders For U. S. Munition Factories

DOVER (New Jersey) Sept. 13.

The British Purchasing Commission states that it was unable to determine whether a factory had any British munitions orders on hand, but it is understood in Wall Street that orders have been placed with nearly all the leading munition manufacturers in the country.

Thana Congress Women To Confer

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Sept. 13.

A meeting of the Thana District Congress Committee was held here under the presidency of Mr. Bhausaheb Paranjpe to consider certain important questions which have evoked much interest in the Congress circles. Among those present were Messrs Appasheb Kirtane, Anna Vartak, Bhise, Subba Rao, K. M. Samant, Ramchandrarao Rede, Anandrao Patil, Mukundrao Save, Gajanan Naik, Shamrao Patil and Dr. G. B. Parulekar.

The most important question on the agenda was regarding the holding of Congress Women's Conference. The report of the Committee appointed to consider the question was placed before the Committee who sanctioned the recommendations made in the report. It was accordingly decided that the Congress Women's Conference should be held on September 28 and 29 in Ambernath under the presidency of Mrs. Sumatibai Kirtane.

Hauled Up Under Foreigners Act

MUZAFFARPUR, Sept. 11

Mr. Andre Jequier, a Swiss resident in Calcutta, was produced before Mr. B. C. Ghosh, Sadar Sub-Divisional Officer, under the Registration of Foreigners Act for having failed to report his arrival to the Registration Officer, Muzaffarpur, till September 10, although he is alleged to have arrived in Muzaffarpur, on September 1.

The accused was enlarged on a bail of Rs. 500 with two sureties of the like amount and the hearing was fixed for September 16.—A. P.

Grave Charge Against Hotel Manager

BOMBAY, Friday.

A Hotel Manager was arrested by the city police yesterday on a charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

It appears that the manager told one of the servants to do some work for him and as he refused to do it, the accused assaulted him with the result that the servant died.

Hassanali Habib the accused was placed before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, today, at Mazagaon Court, and was ordered to be released on bail.

Man's Fatal Fall From Train

Ramlal Govardhandas, aged 30 years, was found lying seriously injured on the railway track near Sandhurst Road, Railway Station in the early hours of yesterday morning. He was picked up by the Guard and sent to J. J. Hospital where he died.

At the inquest held on his body the jury returned a verdict of death due to accidental fall from a railway train.

MAHARAJA REQUESTED TO SHOW MERCY TO CRIMINAL CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Mr. Habeeb Abdullatif Itwari has requested His Highness Maharaja of Bhavnagar on behalf of the Kathiawar Muslims to show royal prerogative of mercy on Faqir Azadali condemned to death in Nagina Mosque Riot case. He is to hang on the 16th instant.

BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE

Notification Of Civil Appointments

The following notifications were made in Thursday's Government Gazette."

Mr. R. S. Alphonso, an Assistant in the Political and Services Department, Bombay, has been dismissed from Government service.

Khan Bahadur Ismail K. Desai, I.S.O., a Deputy Superintendent of Police in the Province of Bombay, has been appointed as Officiating Superintendent of Police, Sabar Kantha Agency, with effect from the 26th March, 1940.

The appointments of Mr. K. P. Mathrani, I.C.S., Settlement Officer, Kanara, and Rao Saheb D. G. Shaligram, Settlement Officer, Nasik, are extended for a further period of one year with effect from 15th August, 1940.

With effect from the 1st January, 1940 vice Mr. M. J. Desai, I.C.S., confirmed as Director of Land Records.

Mr. J. Booth, I.C.S., to be Collector.

With effect from the 1st July 1940, being the date on which Mr. J. C. Bolton, I.C.S., reverted as Collector.

Mr. J. Booth, I.C.S., to revert as Assistant Collector.

Mr. H. A. Khan, City Magistrate, Ahmedabad, to be Settlement Officer, Kaira, with effect from 1st October, 1940, for one year.

The Governor of Bombay is pleased to extend up to the 3rd March, 1941 the temporary appointments of—

Mr. Hyam S. Israel as Special Press Adviser for Bombay City.

All District Magistrates as District Press Advisers for their respective districts.

Khan Bahadur A. S. Dalal as Additional Special Press Adviser for Bombay City.

Mr. Indarnarayen Brijmohanlal, Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bombay, is granted leave for one month and twenty days with effect from the 23rd August, 1940.

Rao Bahadur V. V. Nadkarni, Senior Assistant Secretary to Government, General and, Educational Departments, to officiate as Deputy Secretary to Government vice Mr. Mani proceeding on leave.

Khan Saheb H. D. Warden, Junior Assistant Secretary, General and Educational Departments, to officiate as Senior Assistant Secretary vice Rao Bahadur Nadkarni.

Mr. E. B Pateli, Senior Superintendent, General and Educational Departments, to officiate as Junior Assistant Secretary vice Khan Saheb Warden.

Mr. H. V. R. Iengar, I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Finance Department, is granted leave for one month with effect from 9th September, 1940 or subsequent date of relief.

BOAT CAPSIZES IN TREACHEROUS JUHU WATERS

Youthful Engineer Drowned While Out For Cruise

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Juhu sea, which is notorious for many a tragic happening, claimed yet another victim, on Thursday evening, when a Parsi youth was drowned, while out boating.

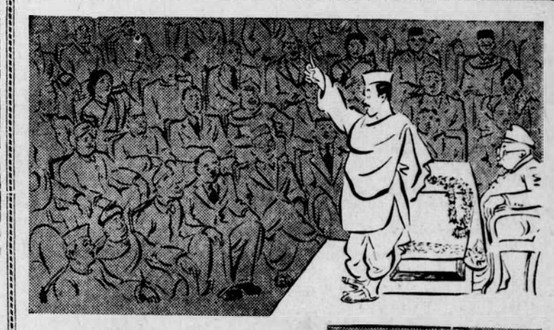
It is understood that Mr. Savaksha J. Shroff (25), a field-engineer employed in the Tata Aerodrome at Juhu, along with six other friends went on a picnic, on Thursday evening at Juhu.

The weather being ideal, Mr Shroff, it is understood, expressed his desire to go out for a pleasure cruise. Along with one of his friends he commandeered a boat which was soon set sailing.

When the boat had gone a fairly good distance from the shore, it appears it was caught in a strong current which caused it to capsize.

Both the unfortunate occupants were thrown in the sea. Mr. Shroff was drowned, while his friend somehow managed to swim ashore.

The body of Mr. Shroff was found in the early hours of this morning after a good deal of search.



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Progress Of Ceylon Indian Congress

Satyamurti's Appeal To Government For "Reasonable" Domicile Law And Franchise

MADRAS, Sept. 12

Mr. S. Satyamurthi, M.L.A. (Central) Mayor of Madras who returned to Madras this morning after his tour in Ceylon has issued the following statement:—

"The Ceylon Indian Congress is growing very rapidly. Its membership is already a lakh and twenty thousand Soon, it will be between two and three lakhs. Indians must, therefore, take a keen interest in that organisation. But the Ceylon Indian Congress will wind up its affairs, and identify itself with the people of Ceylon very soon to work with them for the freedom, happiness and prosperity of that beautiful Island.

FRANCHISE & DOMICILE

Meantime, the grievances of Ceylon Indians have got to be redressed. Foremost among them is the lack of a reasonable Domicile Law and Franchise. The Indians there demand, in my opinion rightly and justly that they should have the rational Law of Domicile applied to all civilised states applied to Ceylon also. They claim that the Donnoughmore Commissions test of five years may be applied. They are willing to give a declaration that they intend to make Ceylon their permanent home, in case they, or their fathers or grandfathers are not born there, provided the administrative officers do not make difficulties in the way and provided further the declaration is taken at its face value.

RECRUITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICES

Apart from this, the next important grievance of Indians settled in Ceylon is that there should be no injustice done to them, whatever the Ceylon Government may do with regard to future recruitment to the Public Services there. It cannot affect the people already in service there.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

Last but not least, the Ceylon Government as a civilised Government owes a duty to the Indian labourers in estates who form the bulk of their labour I am particularly struck by two aspects of the matter. The housing conditions are very bad in most of the estates and they must be improved, and families must be given houses with decent privacy to live their lives in Ceylon. The estate owners ought not to be allowed to use the Criminal Law so as to compel the workers to leave the houses in the estates if they do not work on the estates.

Apart from the questions pending between India and Ceylon, the Ceylon Government must tackle these problems because they are the elementary duties of any decent Government. I hope they will do it. I am sure the Ceylon Indians will fully support them in this matter.

I wish the Ceylon Indian Congress all success.—A. P.

KHADDAR PROPAGANDA IN HYDERABAD

(From Our Correspondent.)
HYDERABAD, Sept. 13.

To provide the villager with subsidiary means of income to supplement his main earnings through cultivation of land, the Nizam's Government has sanctioned a scheme for the introduction of hand-spinning and weaving of khaddar in a limited number of villages.

The scheme, which is modest in its conception and is being started only on an experimental basis, will involve an annual recurring expenditure of Rs. 2,800. It forms part of the general uplift work and will, in the first instance, be introduced only in 8 selected villages where Rural Uplift Societies have already been established.

Yet another scheme has been worked out to supply to weavers a limited quantity of mill-yarn. The purpose is two-fold (a) to supply mill-yarn to weavers at lower rates than those usually charged by private dealers and (b) to stimulate the production of such articles as towels, newar, etc.

Remissions In Gwalior

From "Sentinel" Correspondent
GWALIOR, Sept. 12.

Rabi crop in the 16 villages of DistrWict Bhilsa (Gwalior State) suffered heavily on account of hailstorm in March last.

In order to alleviate the distress of agriculturists, H. H. the Maharaja Scindia has been pleased to grant remissions to the extent of Rs. 4854 in rent and Rs. 3.300/- in revenue.

Jammu Conference Invites Leaders

SRINAGAR, September 12

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference has invited Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Dr. Khan Sahib, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramaya, Khan Bahadur Allah Bux, ex-Premier of Sind, Mr Asaf Ali, M.L.A. (Central), and other leaders for participation in the annual session of the Conference to be held at Baramulla under the presidency of Sardar Budh Singh from September 27 to September 29.—United Press.

WAR EFFORTS IN RAJPIPLA

RAJPIPLA, Sept. 12.

It was announced at a meeting of the subjects of Rajpipla that H. H. the Maharaja of Rajpipla who is already contributing rupees one lakh annually towards War Fund would further contribute an equal sum as would be subscribed by the State subjects.

Mr. Pheroze Kothavala, the Dewan, who addressed the meeting announced that His Highness would buy war loans for a lakh of rupees on the occasion. A sum of over Rs. 20,000 was promised on the spot.

The Yuvaraja of Rajpipla also joined in the appeal made.—A. P.

University Teachers & English Language

CALCUTTA, Sept. 12.

What original contribution can Indians make towards the development of English language and literature, will form the main subject for discussion at a conference of teachers and students of English of various Universities in the country, to be held at Lucknow in December.

The Conference, which is the first of its kind, will be held under the auspices of the University of Lucknow. Almost all the Universities have agreed to participate in the Conference.—A. P

ROME.—It is reported from Amsterdam that Masonic Lodges are banned throughout Holland. —Reuter.

WHY FRESH WAR APPEAL WAS MADE

Indian Red Cross' War Efforts

There has been some comment regarding the issue of a war appeal for funds for the Joint War Committee of the Indian Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association, when it is known that a very considerable amount of money which was subscribed to the Red Cross in the last war is still in existence. The reason for this is to be found in the constitution of the Indian Red Cross Society which was framed by an Act of the Indian Legislature in 1920. Under this act the residue of the funds collected during the last war for the Red Cross was vested in the Indian Red Cross Society for certain purpose and in a particular way. The essence of the arrangement is that in peace time the invested funds are held in trust by the Headquarters Managing Body mainly for the Provincial and State Branches, to which fixed shares of the annual income have to be paid.

Up to the end of July 1940, subscriptions and donations received direct by the Central Appeal Fund for the Joint War work of the Indian Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association have amounted to over Rs. 3-1|2 lakhs. In addition, a sum of over Rs. 3-3.4 lakhs has been transferred to the Central Fund by the Provincial Branches. Such sums as had been asked for by the Indian Expeditionary Forces and on the North West Frontier have been provided from this, but it is anticipated that, with the development of operations in the Middle East, very much larger amounts will be asked for in the near future. This fund will also have to finance the Red Cross hospital supplies, games and comforts in the base hospitals and convalescent depots in India, to which the bulk of the sick and wounded from the Middle East will be evacuated.

Tonk's People's Response To Nawab's Appeal

TONK, Sept. 11.

Over 2,000 people were present at a public meeting held to-day for raising subscription for the war. His Highness the Nawab Sahib of Tonk exhorted the people to respond liberally. Defence bonds of the approximate value of Rs. 1,10,000 were promised to be purchased, including the share of His Highness Rs. 25,000 and Lt.-Col. Anderson, Vice-President, Rs. 14,000.—A. P.

Sachin State's War Effort

(From A Correspondent.)
SACHIN STATE, Sept. 12.

Wednesday 11th September was the birthday of His Highness The Nawab of Sachin. The marked feature of the occasion was the absence of usual ceremonies which were ordered by His Highness to be dropped this year, as the Empire is passing through a terrific ordeal. All the servants of the State offered 10 per cent. of a month's salary, and also agreed to offer a voluntary donation, of a day's wages, every month till victory was won by the Allies.

CIVIC DONATION FOR AIR-CRAFT FUND.

PESHAWAR, Sept. 11.

The Peshawar Municipality, at its general meeting yesterday decided to donate a sum of Rs 3,000 to the N.W.F.P Aircraft Fund, for which the Governor recently issued an appeal.—A. P

Italy Will Attack Egypt And Greece Simultaneously

LONDON, (By Cable).

Elizabeth Mackenzie, former Rome correspondent of the "News Chronicle" writes:

If Mussolini were to follow the rules set down by himself and his partner Hitler, he will simultaneously attack both Greece and Egypt.

The aim would be to keep British forces occupied as he well knows that the navy would go to the rescue of Greece and the British troops would be engaged in Egypt.

The Italian strength in Albania is estimated at 100,000 men. German reinforcements are said to have arrived.

But by the invasion of Greece, Mussolini would wreck his carefully nurtured plan of Balkan co-operation and bring the war to his own doorstep.

LONG-PLANNED

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Surprisingly enough M. Laval at the time rejected this request and it looks to-day, following the rallying of Equatorial Africa to the Allied cause, as if Mussolini has been thwarted.

SABOTAGE IN BELGIUM

How People React To R. A. F. Raids

LONDON, (By Cable.)

A Belgian correspondent writes in the "Times":—

Outbreak of sabotage in the petrol installations of Hoboken, near Antwarp, and the rubber factory at Brussels have now been followed by the destruction of large hayfields near Liege by a fire which was so fierce that German soldiers had to assist the city's fire brigade. The damage caused is estimated by the Germans at 100.000,000 francs.

The Germans announce that they have discovered and arrested the Belgian patriots who recently cut German military cables at Juprelle and Wihogna, in the neighbourhood of the Liege forts.

A few days ago a collective penalty was imposed on the local populations because it was the second time the cables had been cut. As a reprisal Belgian demobilized soldiers living in the area were again taken into custody and immured in the citadel of Liege until they could be sent to Germany. Now that the Germans believe they have found the perpetrators of the sabotage these soldiers have been released and great publicity is being given to this "measure of clemency."

Alarmed no doubt by the increasing amount of sabotage in the occupied areas for some time past, the Germans have assumed a threatening tone towards the Belgian population, though at first they tried to win them over by soft speeches. The Belgians are now reminded that it is "by the clemency of the Fuhrer" that the Belgian soldiers taken prisoner when the army capitulated have been released, only professional officers being detained in Germany. They have no right to complain, they are told, if certain soldier prisoners have not yet been released and the Germans do not hide the possibility that the demobilised may also be transformed into hostages. The gravity of this veiled threat shows clearly how anxious the Germans are about the present attitude of the Belgian population, whose spirit of resistance has certainly been stimulated by the successes of the R. A. F.

PATNA, Sept. 12.

Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, ex-Premier of Bihar, addressed a largely attended public meeting here this evening held to protest against the recent declaration of the Viceroy and the statement of the Secretary of State for India.—A. P.

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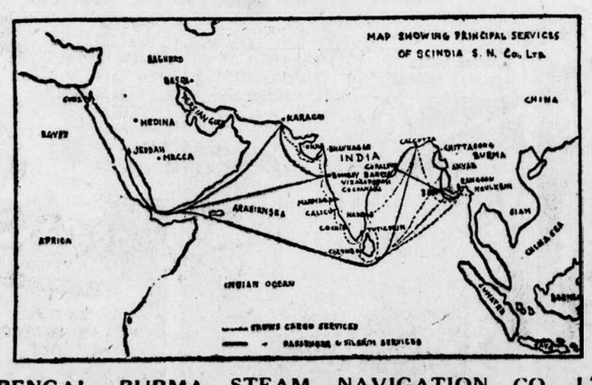

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Germany Likely To Occupy Entire France?

Petain Govt. Refuses To 'Demob' Troops In N. Africa

GERMAN DEMAND FOR SURRENDER OF 58 P. C. LIVESTOCK REJECTED

Italy Fears Serious Menace To Her Campaign Against Egypt

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.

Petain Government is reliably reported to have received a demand from Italy for the demobilisation of all French troops in North Africa and a demand from Germany for the surrender of 58 per cent of livestock in unoccupied France.

Both the demands are said to have been rejected and diplomatic quarters in Washington believe as a result the future of the Petain Government and unoccupied France may be vitally affected.

THE ITALIAN DEMOBILISATION DEMAND IS REPORTED TO BE BASED UPON THE FEAR THAT THE TROOPS WHO NUMBER 200,000 MAY THROW IN THEIR LOT WITH GENERAL DE GAULLE, THEREBY SUBSTANTIALLY REINFORCING THE BRITISH FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION.

ITALY IS SAID TO REGARD THE FRENCH FORCES IN TUNISIA AS A SERIOUS MENACE TO HER WHOLE MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST EGYPT.

THE MESSAGE QUOTES A WELL-INFORMED SOURCE AS SAYING THAT IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REPORTED FRENCH REFUSAL OF THE AXIS DEMANDS, EITHER THE PETAIN GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE FORCED OUT OR THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN TROOPS MIGHT EXTEND THEIR OCCUPATION TO THE WHOLE OF FRANCE OR THE GREATER PART THEREOF.

Problem Of Returning Refugees

LONDON, (By Cable).

David Scott cables to the "News Chronicle" from Lisbon under the caption "Nazis 'Decontaminating' Occupied France":

"Race contamination" as understood by the Nazis is to be reserved in future for the unoccupied zone of France while the occupied zone receives an infusion of pure Nordic stock.

During the last few days towns and villages in the unoccupied area have been placarded with notices saying that all refugees from the Departments of the occupied region except Arabs, Negroes and Jews are to return to the place from which they came. This, however, is the least of France's troubles, as the reports of neutral correspondents in Paris make clear.

"Bad nerves, bad temper" is the title given to the weekly Paris letter published in a neutral paper.

Referring to this same problem of returning refugees the writer describes the difficulties due to mixed Franco-German control, the shortage of petrol for road transport and the irregularity of rail and postal communications.

Postal communications between the occupied and unoccupied zones are once more suspended—this time apparently as a penalty for "certain abuses'.'

These abuses are by no means confined to the Paris area. Some days ago the Paris Radio, which is under the absolute control of the German authorities, broadcast a grave warning against "the eventual consequences of certain attitudes tending to compromise the atmosphere of mutual understanding which has justly reigned in Paris since the armistice."

INTERNAL CONFLICT IN PETAIN GOVT.

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Apart from difficulties created by the Axis demands, there is an internal conflict in the Petain Cabinet between Marshal Petain and M. Laval, the Vice-Premier, the "United Press" learns.

It appears that while M. Laval has inclinations towards the Axis Powers, Marshal Petain holds the view that sufficient sacrifices have been already made by France.

Last week, Marshal Petain sacked six Ministers, including Mr. Marquiet, M. Ybarnegary, M. Lemery, M. Pietri and M. Mireaus.

It was M. Marquiet who had arranged the meeting of members of the French Parliament which pronounced in favour of an immediate armistice. M. Ybarnegary was one of the most ardent advocates of capitulation. It was M. Lemery who, a few weeks before the French capitulation, advised Marshal Petain to seize the Reynaud Cabinet. M. Pietri favoured a pro-Italian policy. and was impatient for peace. Similarly, M. Mireaus also possessed pro-Axis tendencies, which he advocated through his paper, "Temps".—United Press.

MUSSOLINI'S TWO OBJECTIVES

Control Of Suez Canal And Communication Through Sudan

LONDON, September 12

"Mussolini upto now has been a bridge player bidding on his partner's hand and waiting for the moment to pounce.

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Sir Mahomed Usman, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University, has been elected President, Boy Scouts' Association, Madras Presidency.

M.L.A. Murder Suspect Surrenders

KARACHI, Sept. 12.

Jani Jalbani, who is alleged to have assassinated Mr. H. S. Pamnani, M.L.A., and Bhagat Kunwar Ram. is reported to have surrendered himself to the Superintendent of Police, Jacobabad. He was taken into custody and a revolver was seized from his possession.

This is stated to be a sequel to a threat administered by the District Magistrate of Sukkur that if the alleged culprit did not surrender forthwith, his wife and other kith and kin would be detained under the Frontier Regulation Act.—United Press.

MEXICO'S NEW PRESIDENT

Gen. Camcho Covma Elected

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 12.

The Electoral College of Mexican Chamber of Deputies declares General Camcho Covma to be its President-Elect of Mexico.

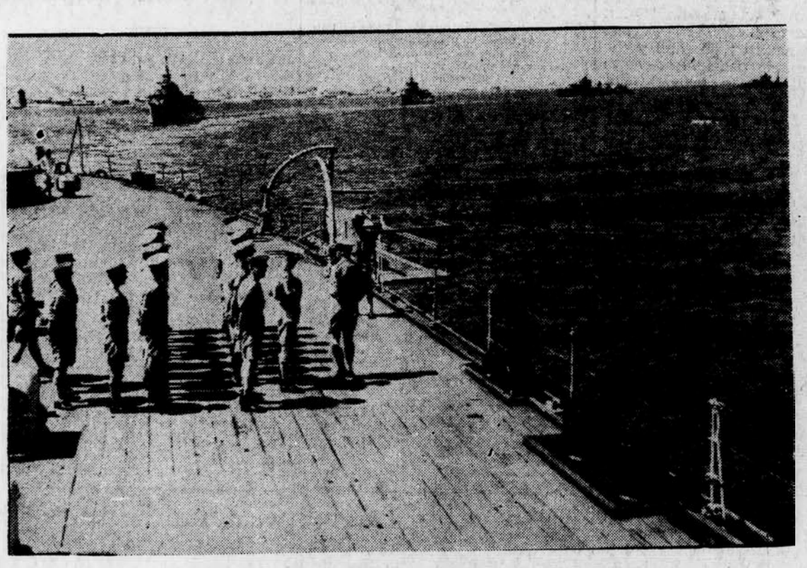
This was announced after a scrutiny of votes polled in the election in July.—Reuter.

Japanese In England Released

LONDON, Sept. 13.

Shunsuke Tanabe, one out of the two Japanese detained under the Aliens Order last month, has been released. The other Saturo Makihara was freed after a few days.—Reuter.

Nine Italian prisoners setting out to work on the improvement of their camp.



A Section of the British fleet in Alexandria Harbour.

Stalin Sees Through Nazi Game

Asserts Right To Participate In Plus-Minus Conference On Danube Questions

MOSCOW, September 13.

It is officially disclosed that the Soviet Government has notified the German Government that as a state bordering on the Danube, the Soviet Union "cannot but participate in the decisions of questions concerning the Danube," which may be taken at the Vienna Conference convoked by Germany.

The Soviet 'Demarche' to Germany, regarding a share in the Vienna Conference was made by M. Vyshinsky, Deputy Foreign Commissar to the German Ambassador.

The Ambassador was informed that "the Soviet Government hopes to receive from the German Government appropriate information regarding the Vienna Conference of experts on international Danube questions."

The Ambassador promised to make inquiries of his Government.

An official statement makes it clear that the Soviet has received no notification from the German Government of the calling of such a conference, and is basing its 'demarche' on reports by the German information Bureau and the German Radio and in the Foreign Press.

SOVIET PROTEST TO RUMANIA

The Soviet has also made another protest to the Rumanian Government through M. Gafencu the Rumanian Minister, about alleged firing by the Rumanians on a Soviet Frontier Patrol.

The new incident is reported to have occurred last Wednesday.

M. Gafencu was reminded that the Rumanian Government had not yet replied to the earlier Soviet protests of August 29 and was asked to draw his Government's attention to "the impermissibility" of such actions. M. Gafencu has promised to hand over the Rumanian reply to the earlier protest to-day, and said that an inquiry would be made into the new report and offenders be punished.—Reuter.

"BRITAIN WILL WIN WAR"

American Publicists' Confidence

LONDON, Sept. 13.

"In this war nations may remain neutral, but the people of those nations do not," said Miss Dorothy Thompson, American Publicist, in a recorded talk on London broadcast to-night.

"You, fighting there on the British Isles, are fighting not only for the security of all free men, but for all our dreams of a better future. And you will win this war.

You will win, because although England can lose a war, mankind cannot lose the war.

The world is not going to live on Hitler's terms. In all your distress and suffering, be sure of that. The world knows its enemy."—Reuter.

KAPURTHALA TO PRESENT AERIAL MACHINEGUN.

KAPURTHALA. Sept. 13

An aerial machinegun will be presented on behalf of Kapurthala tehsil to H. E. the Viceroy for his War Purposes Fund. This decision was taken at a meeting of the Kapurthala Tehsil War Board. —A. P.

FINED FOR CARRYING LETTERS

RANGOON, Sept. 13

For having conveyed letters from India to Burma K. Ali Kutty Kaka has been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 26 or in default to suffer ten days' simple imprisonment.

The prosecution alleged that the accused arrived in Rangoon by steamer from India on August 2. When a search was made thirteen letters addressed to several residents in Rangoon and other places were found in his luggage.—A. P.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Sometime ago, I had made a suggestion in these columns that the opening day of "Mortal Storm" should be feted and that the proceeds should go to the War Fund. I find that this is to be and wonder whether the suggestion in this Half-Column was at all responsible for it.

I have always found a great deal of amusement looking through the Telephone Directory, even as I have wading through the Oxford Dictionary. In London particularly where the Telephone Directory is a real handful the scope it offers for amusement is tremendous. You find in it a man by the name of "Smelly", a woman who describes herself as an Interior Decorator by the name of "Miss Trampleasure"! Now I find that the Bombay Telephone directory can be as amusing. Would that I could mention names.

Some very fine reports have reached us of the way Mr. Laxman, Director of the Bombay station, has been conducting the affairs of the Bombay radio. An Oxford man, Mr. Laxman contrives to preserve a healthy balance between red tape and human interest. And he is successful. Though courteous, well-mannered, gentle, he will not budge an inch from his rights and duties as Director of All-India Radio, no matter how high the person may be who wishes to be excused the trouble of submitting a manuscript to him. Recently I am given to understand one of our distinguished public men, a Bombay Knight, thought it unnecessary to let Mr. Laxman sit in judgment over him. The matter even went up as far as Delhi or Simla.

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